

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Patrice Kunesh's Nomination as Commissioner for the Administration for Native Americans, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Resolution No. 22-16



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) is a highly important office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with oversight over numerous efforts to promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans, Tribal Nations, and Native organizations by providing funding for community-based projects, training, and technical assistance; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the ANA plays vital roles in advancing issues of great concern to our tribal governments and citizens, including Native language preservation, social and economic development, and the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) programs; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has recently nominated Patrice Kunesh to serve as Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans, a nomination which requires confirmation by the U.S. Senate; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, Kunesh, who is of Standing Rock Lakota descent; is a nationally recognized attorney, thought leader, and policy advocate, with a career including leadership roles at the Center for Indian Country Development, the Native American Rights Fund, and positions within the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kunesh's extensive experience and connections to Indian Country show her to be well-qualified to lead the critical language revitalization and social and economic development initiatives of the Administration for Native Americans.



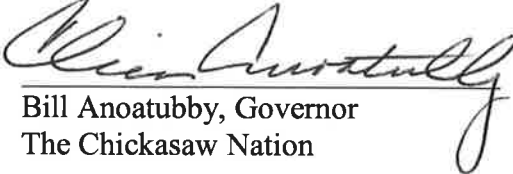
Lewis J. Johnson
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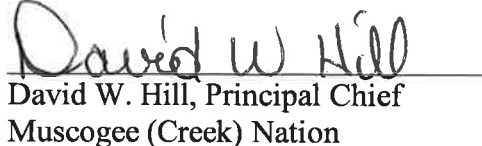
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the Senate to provide a speedy confirmation of Patrice Kunesh to the ANA Commissioner position.

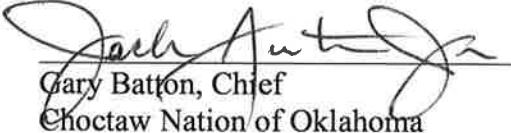
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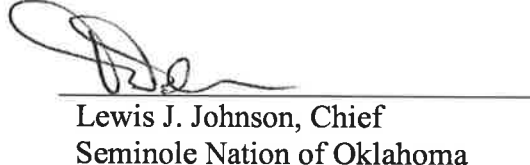
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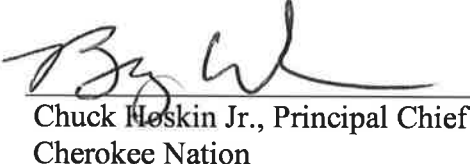
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 15th day of July, 2022, by a vote of All in favor for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Lewis J. Johnson, Chief
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Chuck Moskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation