

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Calling on the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Promptly Allocate McGirt-Related Funding to the Six Tribes Impacted by the McGirt Decision

Resolution No. 22-17



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 Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and



Gary Bolton
Chief

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103) included \$62 million for impacted Tribes to implement public safety changes resulting from the *McGirt v. Oklahoma* Supreme Court decision; and

WHEREAS, the joint explanatory statement accompanying the bill directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to consult with impacted Tribes regarding the allocation of funds; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the *McGirt* decision and subsequent decisions from the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals reaffirmed the reservations of only six Tribes—Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Muscogee Nation, Quapaw Nation, and Seminole Nation; and

WHEREAS, these are the only Tribes “impacted” by the *McGirt* decision.



Lewis J. Johnson
Chief

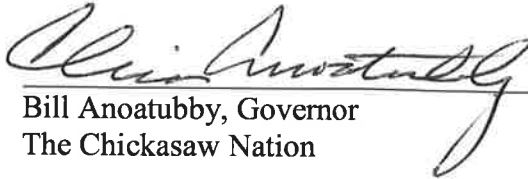
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on the Bureau of Indian Affairs to allocate the entirety of the \$62 million among the Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Muscogee Nation, Quapaw Nation, and Seminole Nation.

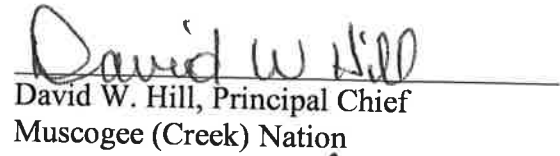
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these are the only Tribes that should be consulted with regarding the allocation of this funding.

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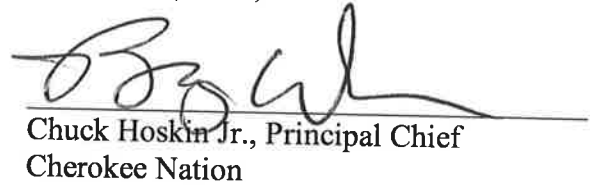
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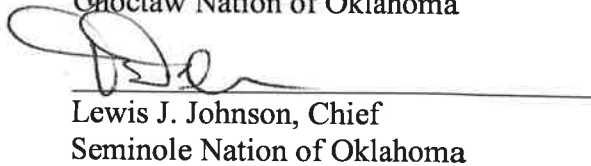
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 14th day of July, 2022, by a vote of All in favor for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


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


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation


Lewis J. Johnson, Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma