

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and of the five Intervenor Tribes in the Supreme Court Case of Brackeen v. Haaland*

### Resolution No. 22-18



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



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS**, the landmark Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) was enacted to prevent the unnecessary breakup of Native families; and

**WHEREAS**, ICWA has been labeled “the gold standard” of child welfare policy by experts and national leading child advocacy organizations far beyond Indian Country; and



Gary Bolton  
Chief

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Brackeen v. Haaland* on November 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, not only are Plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of ICWA, they are attacking some of the foundations of Indian law; and

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever, it is imperative for Indian Country to speak with a unified voice in support of one of the most important pieces of federal legislation impacting Indian tribes, communities and families.



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes believes ICWA, as a pillar of sovereignty, must be fiercely protected.



Lewis J. Johnson  
Chief

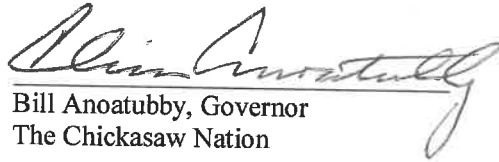
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports Cherokee Nation, Oneida Nation, Quinault Indian Nation, and Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and the United States, as they seek to uphold ICWA.

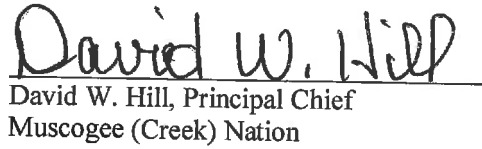
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on NCAI and NICWA to strongly support and defend ICWA, the tribes who are parties to the *Brackeen* case and all tribes as they seek to defend ICWA before the United States Supreme Court.

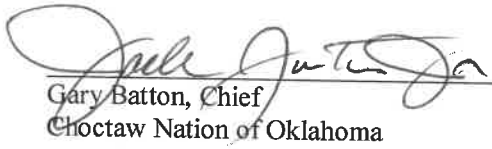
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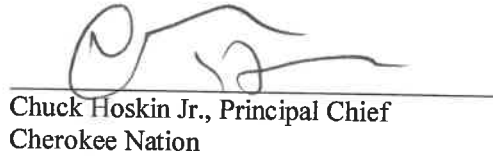
## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ against and \_\_\_\_\_ 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