

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Recovering America's Wildlife Act Tribal Set-Aside Funding

Resolution No. 22-22



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Principal Chief



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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

WHEREAS, the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations are Indian Tribes whose inherent sovereignty pre-exists that of the United States and who have held a historic and continual government-to-government relations with the United States; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments hold an inherent sovereign authority to exercise regulatory authority of hunting, fishing and other wildlife conservation matters within their respected reservations and tribal services areas, including in many cases off reservation authority; and

WHEREAS, state governments have had access to federal grant funds that assist in the implementation of wildlife conservation efforts for state agencies, but tribal governments have not; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martin Heinrich introduced Recovering America's Wildlife Act in the United States Senate with \$97 Million set aside for tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Senator Heinrich has requested an amendment to the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) to include RAWA as a rider on the NDAA.

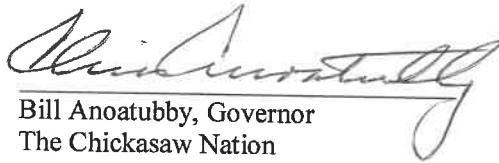
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby supports the inclusion of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Inter-tribal Council Calls on the Senate to include the RAWA and tribal set-aside funding in the final NDAA package.

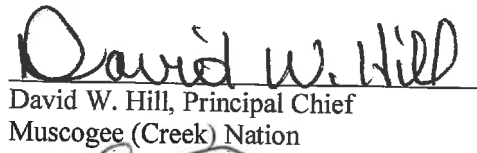
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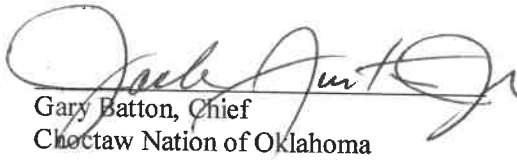
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 7th day of October, 2022, by a vote of _____ for _____ against and _____ abstentions.



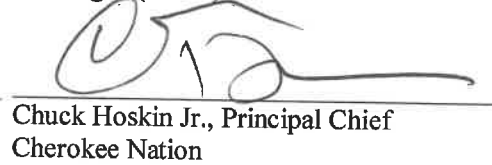
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The Chickasaw Nation



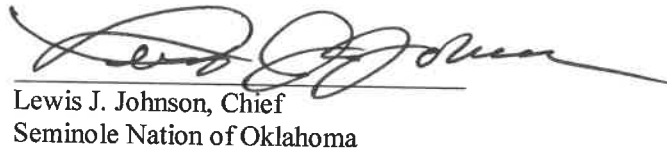
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