

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Urging Congress to amend the laws governing nominations into the Service Academy

Resolution No. 23-06



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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, each of these five tribes retains an inherent federally recognized right of sovereign nation states in partnership with the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, to further the rights and responsibilities of our Nations to defend our homeland and build upon a legacy of significant service in the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, to reinforce the ability of service academies to select from the broadest pool of applicants to include Native American candidates.

WHEREAS, the first Native American to graduate from the United States Navy Academy was Joseph James "Jocko" Clark in 1917 from the Cherokee Nation and the first Native American to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point was Major David Moniac from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Congress recognize tribal sovereignty by changing policy and statute as necessary to allow tribal leadership to nominate qualified candidates to the following service academies:

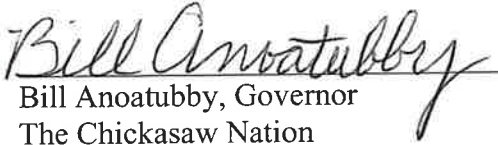
- 1) United States Naval Academy, 10 U.S.C. 8454
- 2) United States Military Academy, 10 U.S.C. 7442
- 3) United States Air Force Academy, 10 U.S.C. 9442
- 4) United States Coast Guard Academy, 46 U.S.C. 1921, 503
- 5) United States Merchant Marine Academy, 46 U.S.C. 51302(b)(2); 46 C.F.R. 310.53

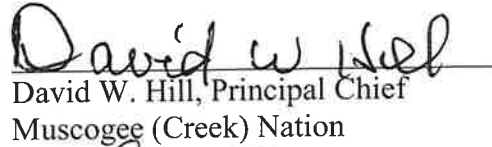
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Congress to apply this recognition and nomination authority to all Federally Recognized Tribes.

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CERTIFICATION

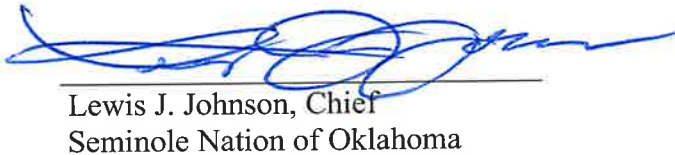
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 13th day of January, 2023, by a vote of All for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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