

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution In Support of the Preservation of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act

Resolution No. 23-08



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gary Batton
Chief



David W. Hill
Principal Chief



Lewis J. Johnson
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

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act was adopted in 1982 and holds a higher standard than the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma State Legislature to recognize, maintain, and preserve the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act preserves the sovereignty of Indian Nations and culture for Indian children and future generations and maintains the bonds with Indian children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Child Welfare Services Sub-Committee requests ITC support to maintain and preserve the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act; and

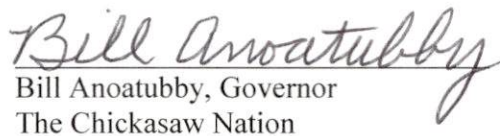
WHEREAS, one-third of foster children in the state of Oklahoma are Indian children forty percent of Indian Children in Oklahoma foster care are members of the Five Civilized Tribes and approximately; and

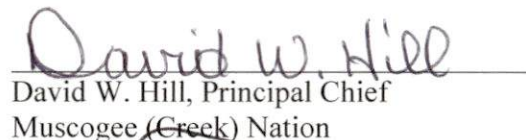
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act.

CERTIFICATION

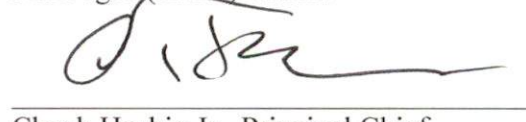
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 14th day of April, 2023, by a vote of


All 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


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