

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Resolution Calling on the Atlanta Braves Organization to Apologize and to Not Honor Fraudulent Groups

Resolution No. 24-09



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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, as tribal nations, we exercise unique sovereign rights of self-government and continuing government-to-government relationships with the United States, founded on our distinct histories, languages, cultures and identities that have been fiercely protected against government policies intended to eradicate our existence as distinct peoples; and

WHEREAS, our ancestral lands cover most of the southeastern United States, including what is currently the state of Georgia and the Atlanta Metro Region, and thousands of our tribal citizens today reside in the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, numerous fraudulent groups across the United States have appropriated our names and culture in order to erroneously claim to be legitimate tribal governments, with some receiving recognition from states through a process that is far less rigorous and more open to manipulation than the federal recognition process; and

WHEREAS, our status as distinct peoples and sovereign governments is threatened by these fraudulent groups that operate without federal recognition or support from genuine tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2024, the Atlanta Braves held a “Georgia Tribes Night” which honored and promoted fraudulent groups including the so-called Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe, and the Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council; and

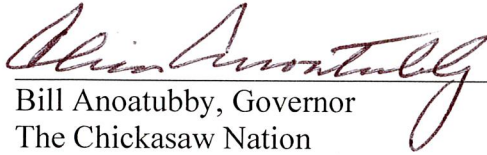
WHEREAS, providing these groups with a platform to spread dishonest claims demeans and undermines the history and traditions of actual Native Americans and federally-recognized tribal governments;

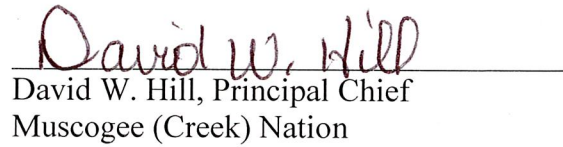
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on the Atlanta Braves organization to apologize for honoring fraudulent groups that pose as tribes without federal recognition and to conduct meaningful consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes on how to properly engage with Native Americans.

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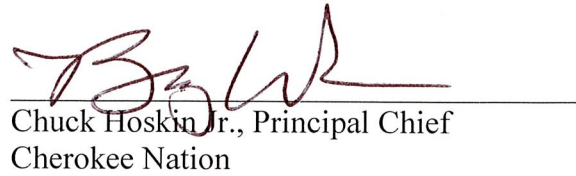
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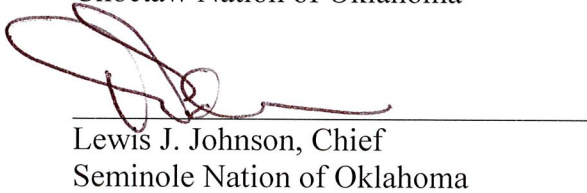
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July, 2024, by a vote of 22 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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