

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

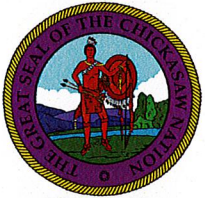
A Resolution Supporting the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve Establishment Act

Resolution No. 24-11



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 (Creek) and Seminole Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the ITC represents the largest federally recognized body of descendants of the original inhabitants of the Southeast region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ITC strongly supports actions of its member Nations to preserve and protect historic properties, Traditional Cultural Places (TCP), and sacred lands within respective ancestral homelands in the American Southeast; and



Gary Balfon
Chief

WHEREAS, the ITC previously supported legislation and the expansion of the Ocmulgee National Monument boundary in Resolution Number 14-31 (2014); and the expansion of the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park to form a new National Park and Preserve in Resolution Number 22-21 (2022); and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the ITC fully supports the Ocmulgee Mounds Park and Preserve Establishment Act, which is legislation that was introduced to Congress on April 30, 2024, by U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Reverend Raphael Warnock, alongside Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., and Congressman Austin Scott; and



Lewis J. Johnson
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park and the Ocmulgee River Corridor make up the Macon Plateau and Ocmulgee 'Old Fields', which is the ancestral homelands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and represents over 12,000 years of continuous human history, including monumental Muskogean earthworks such as the 55-foot-high Great Temple Mound and the thousand-year-old Earth Lodge council house; and

WHEREAS, the Ocmulgee River Corridor remains largely undeveloped and is a biodiversity hotspot in which conservation is needed to retain the natural landscape, protect wildlife habitat, Native flora and fauna, threatened and endangered species, and delicate ecosystems such as swamps, marshes, wetlands, and backland prairies; and

WHEREAS, Congressional approval of the Ocmulgee Mounds Park and Preserve Establishment Act will develop the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and

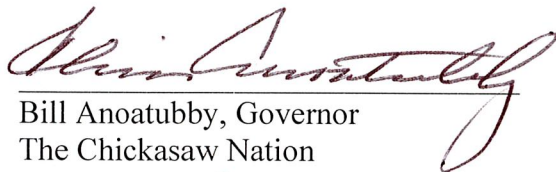
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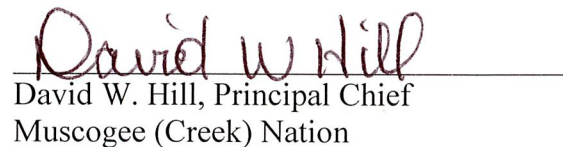
Preserve Advisory Council to develop recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for Tribal Co-management in federal decision making, including land management, species management, and the interpretation of cultural resources in a Tribal Co-Management Agreement with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, not precluding Tribal Consultation with all federally recognized Tribal Nations who have cultural interest in the Ocmulgee Mounds Park and Preserve boundary.

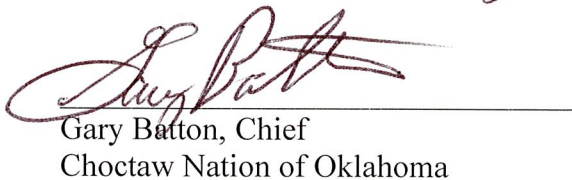
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby supports the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve Establishment Act to create Georgia's first National Park.

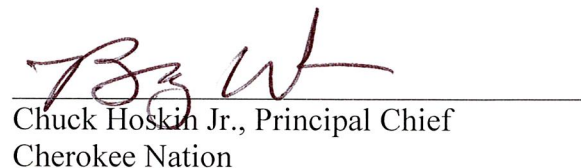
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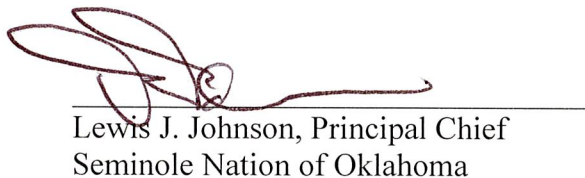
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July 2024, by a vote of 22 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma