

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting Continued Cooperation Between Tribal Nations and Local Governments and Responding to Negative Statements from the Governor of Oklahoma*

### Resolution No. 25-14



**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 Five Tribes have consistently demonstrated a commitment to respectful, mutually beneficial cooperation with local, state, and federal governments in service of shared goals such as public safety, economic development, infrastructure investment, and community well-being; and



**WHEREAS,** agreements between Tribal Nations and local governments, such as the recently entered into settlement agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa, reflect meaningful collaboration, intergovernmental trust, and effective governance; and



**WHEREAS,** the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa have entered into an agreement to coordinate the handling of criminal matters involving Native Americans within the City of Tulsa, reflecting a cooperative approach to law enforcement and public safety; and



**WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes these intergovernmental partnerships as critical to the continued prosperity and security of all Oklahomans, Native and non-Native alike; and

**WHEREAS,** public statements by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt have repeatedly sought to undermine the sovereignty of Tribal Nations, cast doubt on lawful agreements, and inflame division between governments, in direct contradiction to the spirit of cooperation that defines our tribal and civic relationships; and

**WHEREAS,** these statements erode public confidence in government, weakens cooperative efforts that benefit the citizens of Oklahoma, and dishonors the legal and moral obligations the State of Oklahoma holds to Tribal Nations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes affirms its continued support for productive intergovernmental

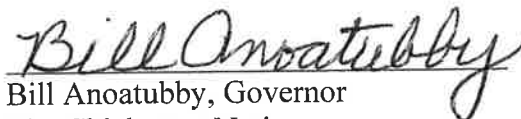
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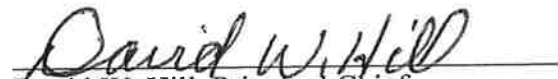
cooperation between Tribal Nations and local governments, grounded in mutual respect, shared responsibility, and good-faith partnership; and


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Inter-Tribal Council resents the negative statements from Governor Kevin Stitt, which threatens to reverse decades of progress in intergovernmental relations and tribal-state cooperation.


## CERTIFICATION

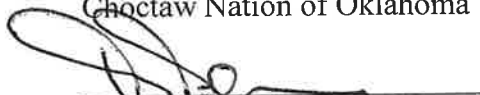
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 11 day of July, 2025, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
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The Chickasaw Nation

  
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