

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Urging the Trump Administration to Continue the Work of the White House Council on Native American Affairs and Maintain the White House Tribal Nations Summit

Resolution No. 25-18



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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, for decades, Tribal Nations have called on the federal government to establish a Cabinet-level body that affirms the Nation-to-Nation relationship and improves coordination and communication among federal agencies in their work with Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNA), first established in 2013 and chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, fulfilled that longstanding request by providing a centralized, cross-agency forum that ensures federal programs and policies affecting Tribal Nations are implemented in a consistent and coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, the WHCNA has proven to be an effective mechanism for identifying interagency barriers, elevating Tribal priorities across the Executive Branch, and fostering meaningful consultation and collaboration between federal agencies and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, in a time of increased emphasis on streamlining federal programs and improving efficiency in government operations, the WHCNA is more important than ever—it remains the only federal body that coordinates federal agency work with Tribal Nations across the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council strongly believes that the continued success of the WHCNA depends on sustained leadership and dedicated staffing, including the appointment of a full-time Executive Director and the necessary personnel to carry out its critical mission; and

WHEREAS, the White House Tribal Nations Summit, held annually in recent years, has served as the flagship forum for direct engagement between Tribal leaders and federal officials, reinforcing accountability, transparency, and the sacred trust responsibility of the federal government to Tribal Nations; and

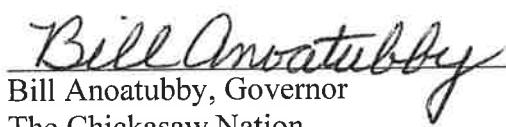
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NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes respectfully urges the Trump Administration to continue the work of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, including the appointment of a WHCNA Executive Director and adequate staffing to carry out its mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls upon the Administration to maintain the annual White House Tribal Nations Summit as a vital forum for strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationship and ensuring direct, high-level engagement between Tribal leaders and federal officials.

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.



Bill Anoatubby

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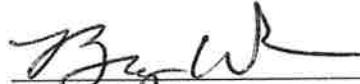
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