

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Cherokee Nation Special Envoy to the Department of Justice Mike Shambaugh to Serve on the U.S. Department of Justice Tribal Nations Leadership Council Representing the Eastern Oklahoma Region

Resolution No. 25-24



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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 877,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) established the Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC) in 2010 as a formal advisory body of Tribal leaders from across the United States to provide guidance and perspective to the DOJ on matters of tribal justice, public safety and federal-tribal relations; and

WHEREAS, the TNLC plays a critical role in facilitating government-to-government communication between the DOJ and Tribes, ensuring that federal policy and programmatic decisions are informed by tribal priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Oklahoma Region seat on the TNLC is currently vacant, and it is the responsibility of Tribes within the region to select a qualified tribal leader to represent the region on the Council; and

WHEREAS, Mike Shambaugh, former Council of the Cherokee Nation Speaker and current Special Envoy to the U.S. Department of Justice is an excellent nominee to serve as the Eastern Oklahoma Region Representative on the TNLC; and

WHEREAS, Special Envoy Shambaugh brings over three decades of law enforcement and leadership experience, including 20 years as Chief of Police for the City of Jay, Oklahoma and eight years of service on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, as a tribal council member and law enforcement professional, Special Envoy Shambaugh has demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing tribal sovereignty, justice and intergovernmental collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Special Envoy Shambaugh is committed to improving tribal-federal relations and ensuring that the unique perspectives of Eastern Oklahoma's Tribal governments are well-represented at the national level.


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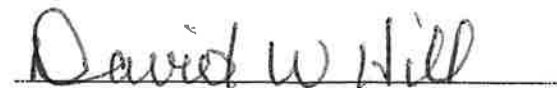
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports and endorses the nomination of Mike Shambaugh, Cherokee Nation Special Envoy to the Department of Justice, to serve as the Eastern Oklahoma Region Representative on the U.S. Department of Justice Tribal Nations Leadership Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the U.S. Department of Justice to confirm Special Envoy Shambaugh's appointment in order to ensure continued representation and advocacy for Eastern Oklahoma Tribal governments in federal justice and public safety policy development.


CERTIFICATION

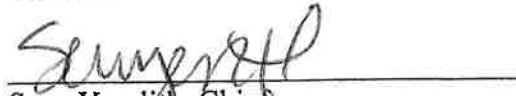
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 10 day of October, 2025, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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