

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting Joe Deere as Candidate for Regional Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians*

### Resolution No. 25-25



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Balton  
Chief



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief



Sena Yesslin  
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**, each of the Five Tribes are federally recognized Indian Nations with distinct governments and a historic and ongoing government to government relationship with the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Deere seeks election as the Regional Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians, a position that plays a vital role in ensuring the voices of tribal nations across this region are effectively represented within NCAI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes Joe Deere's qualifications, integrity, and longstanding record of service to Indian Country as reflective of the values and vision shared by the Five Tribes; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports Joe Deere as a candidate for Regional Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians and encourages all member tribes and tribal leaders within the region to support his candidacy.

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## 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.

Bill Anoatubby

Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

David W. Hill

David W. Hill, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Gary Batton

Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

Sena Yesslith

Sena Yesslith, Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma