

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Urging the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to reverse the Medals of Honor awarded to U.S. Soldiers at the Wounded Knee Massacre



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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 877,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, each of these five tribes retains an inherent federally recognized right of sovereign nation states in partnership with the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, the United States DoD made a decision to maintain the Medals of Honor awarded to U.S. soldiers for their actions at the Wounded Knee Massacre on December 29, 1890; and

WHEREAS, this choice disregards the historical record of the brutal, unprovoked, and wrongful massacre of the Lakota by the United States 7th Cavalry and the moral imperative to confront injustice with honesty and courage; and

WHEREAS, the United States 7th Cavalry stripped the Lakotas of all belongings and disarmed them of weapons of any kind; a shot was then heard, and the cavalry opened fire indiscriminately while discharging Hotchkiss cannons, resulting in the killing and wounding of no less than 300 unarmed men, women, children, and elder;

WHEREAS, Inter-Tribal Council stands with the Medals of Honor being stripped from the United States 7th Cavalry; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, the U.S. DoD and DOI began a review to consider revoking the Wounded Knee Medals of Honor with no historical scholars included within the panel;

WHEREAS, On September 25, 2025, Secretary of Defense announced that following the recommendations of the 2024 report, the awarded Medals of Honor would not be revoked.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Department of Defense publicly release the 2024 Pentagon Wounded Knee report and reverse the Medals of Honor awarded to U.S. Soldiers at the Wounded Knee Massacre on December 29, 1890.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Department of Defense and Congress to honestly and accurately

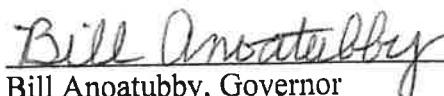
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preserve American history through passing the “Remove the Stain Act” so that the nation’s highest honor fulfills its namesake by reflecting courage, not cowardice and cruelty.

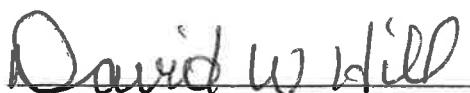
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the 2024 report be released and be made public.

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.



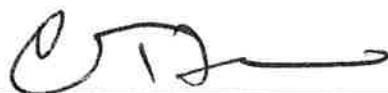
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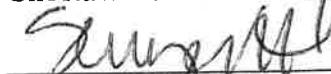
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