

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Reaffirming the Five Tribe's Commitment to Wildlife Conservation and Management

Resolution No. 25-27



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gary Batton
Chief



David W. Hill
Principal Chief



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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 Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nations each possess and exercise the powers of inherent sovereignty over their territories, as recognized and affirmed by Federal law, and all Indian persons within each Nation's Indian country, irrespective of citizenship or membership;

WHEREAS, various courts have confirmed each Nation has a reservation that constitutes Indian country under federal law, and under such Federal law, each Nation has an inherent, recognized, and affirmed sovereign right and authority relating to the regulation and management of wildlife therein;

WHEREAS, Congress imposed as a condition on Oklahoma's formation as a State of the Union that nothing in the new state's constitution could lawfully be construed as limiting, impairing, or otherwise affecting the rights of Indians or the unique legal powers of the United States in Tribal affairs, which powers are expressly delegated to the federal government by the United States Constitution.;

WHEREAS, the Nations recognize the importance of the conservation, management, protection, and enhancement of wildlife resources and habitat for the scientific, educational, recreational, aesthetic, and economic benefits to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, each of the Nations is specific beneficiary to treaties that guarantee no State shall ever make laws that would interfere with each Nation's rights to self-government; and

WHEREAS, an unbroken and uncompromised body of federal law affirms that, unless there is some express congressional authorization, no state has jurisdiction to prosecute any member or citizen of a federally recognized Tribal nation; and

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WHEREAS, the Nations, as an exercise of their respective sovereignties and in the interests of effective inter-Tribal government relations and cooperation have formed and entered into a Reciprocity Agreement in July 2024 to: (1) recognize and give effect under its own laws each other signatory Nation's licensure, permitting, or authorization of its own members' or citizens' hunting, fishing, trapping, and/or gathering rights or permissions, provided, that the hunting, fishing, trapping, and/or gathering activities of any member or citizen of a signatory Nation shall be subject to and must conform with the laws of the signatory Nation on whose reservation such activities occur; and (2) further deepen our intergovernmental cooperation "to support wildlife management and conservation efforts of our neighboring reservations in a way that is sustainable and consistent with each tribe's laws, traditions, culture, and for the benefit of future generations," and

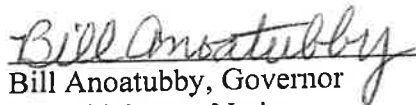
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commits to upholding tribal rights to manage resources including hunting and fishing within each Nation's Reservations boundaries and recognizes current or existing codes enacted by each respective tribe.

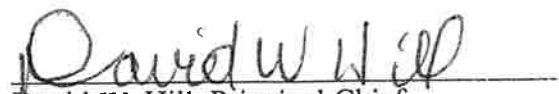
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes reaffirms the ability to enter into agreements with other tribes to allow those rights and privileges to extend to members of the tribes party to that agreement, such as the Five Tribe Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commits to protecting sovereign tribal rights and individual tribal members ability to exercise those rights under tribal law.

CERTIFICATION

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


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


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

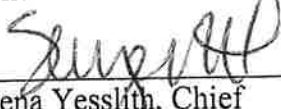
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