

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Acknowledging the Trump Administration's Efforts to Consult with Tribal Nations on Federal Departmental Reorganizations and Urging Continued Robust and Meaningful Consultation

Resolution No. 25-28



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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, the federal trust responsibility and the unique government-to-government relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States are grounded in the Constitution, treaties, statutes, and Supreme Court decisions, and obligate all federal departments and agencies to engage in regular, meaningful consultation with Tribal governments on policies and actions that have Tribal implications; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and various Departmental Tribal consultation policies -- including those at the Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Department of Agriculture (USDA) -- affirm the commitment of the United States to strengthen the capacity of Tribal Nations and to ensure that federal decision-making reflects Tribal input and respect for Tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has initiated significant departmental and agency reforms and reorganizations across the federal government, with the stated goal of improving efficiency, accountability, and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council acknowledges that the Administration has engaged in consultation sessions with Tribal Nations regarding these reform efforts, reflecting an understanding that consultation is essential to ensuring that the restructuring of federal programs and services honors the federal trust responsibility and advances the shared goal of a more effective government-to-government partnership; and

WHEREAS, continued and expanded Tribal consultation during the implementation of these reforms is vital to ensuring that any departmental or agency restructuring does not diminish, delay, or disrupt the delivery of services to Indian Country, but rather strengthens the federal-Tribal partnership and responsiveness to the needs of Tribal Nations;

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NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commends the Trump Administration for its engagement with Tribal Nations thus far regarding federal departmental and agency reorganizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges the Administration to continue to conduct robust, transparent, and ongoing Tribal consultations, with appropriate follow-up and collaboration, on all reforms and reorganization efforts that affect Tribal governments, programs, or funding; and

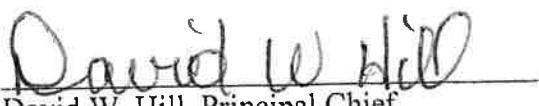
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council reaffirms that Tribal consultation must be conducted on a true partnership basis, consistent with Executive Order 13175 and each agency's consultation policy, to ensure that the evolving structure of the federal government continues to uphold the federal trust responsibility and strengthens the delivery of services to Tribal Nations.

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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