

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to Conduct Government-to-Government Consultations Regarding Locations of ICE Detention Facilities on Tribal Lands*

### Resolution No. 26-06



Chuck Haskin Jr.  
Principal 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



Bill Annatubby  
Governor

**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,** Tribal lands are generally within the concurrent jurisdiction of Tribal and Federal governments, and often surrounded by other parcels of public lands; and



Gary Bolton  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seeks to open or expand at least 125 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities during the current administration: and

**WHEREAS,** we strongly urge the Department of Homeland Security to conduct meaningful government-to-government consultations whenever the possibility of an ICE detention center may be constructed or renovated within Tribal lands; and



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** the consultation should happen as soon as discussions begin at DHS regarding locations of ICE detention facilities on Tribal lands and should include senior leadership at DHS; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes opposes any efforts to build or expand ICE detention facilities within our Tribal lands without consultation or input from the Tribe; and



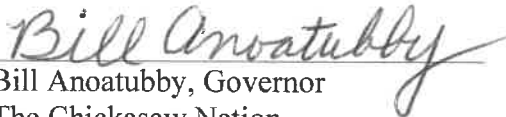
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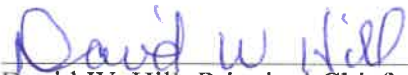
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes is committed to protecting our inherent sovereignty while continuing to engage meaningfully with the US federal government and its agencies; and


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## CERTIFICATION

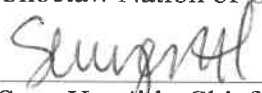
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 2026, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Bolton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
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Cherokee Nation

  
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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma