A Resolution Requesting Tribal Consultation with the Food and Drug Administration

Resolution No. 13-33

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 Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes the important role that food, agriculture, and nutrition play in the social and economic well being of Indian communities; and,

WHEREAS, the ITC is made up of tribal governments that each have roles and responsibilities in ensuring their citizens have access to healthy and nutritious food; and,

WHEREAS, the ITC acknowledge the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published new Produce Safety and Preventive Control Rules in January 2013 implementing the new Food Safety Modernization Act without meaningful, appropriate, and adequate tribal consultation; and,

WHEREAS, these rules will have significant and direct impact on tribal governments and tribal food enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes concur with NCAI tribes and other members of NCAI and call upon FDA to perform meaningful tribal consultation with each member of the ITC tribes before implementation of these rules

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this __ day of October, 2013, by a vote of ___ for ___ against and ___ abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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