A Resolution Requesting Keepseagle Cy Pres Funds For an Inter-Tribal Foundation

Resolution No. 13-37

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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes are tribes with inherent ties to the land and agricultural through our common agricultural history and culture; and,

WHEREAS, the Commerce/Economic Development Committee promotes agricultural education, projects, lifestyles and culture among the people of the Five Civilized Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, the Five Civilized Tribes believe the use of remaining Keepseagle Cy Pres funds can be effectively utilized to engage ongoing agricultural projects in the Nation(s); and,

WHEREAS, the Tribes have an interest and sovereign right to govern our lands and our people through agricultural endeavors now, and into the future; and,

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes desires to create and manage a private Foundation to receive a significant amount of the Keepseagle Cy Pres funds to assure that new and ongoing agricultural projects remain under the jurisdiction and discretion of the Five Civilized Tribes consistent with American Indian cultural and religious values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes requests that $100,000,000 of the Keepseagle Cy Pres funds be set aside and awarded to a private Foundation created and managed by the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 14th day of October, 2013, by a vote of 90 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
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Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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