

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



A Resolution Re-Affirming the position of the Five Civilized Tribes in opposition and communicating the discriminatory Acts of the United States Congress enacted on August 4, 1947; the effects of this Act still subject the members of the Five Civilized Tribes and Tribal Governments to the irreversible loss of land.

Resolution No. 15-19



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 of maintaining their land base plays in the right to Self-Governance, administration of justice, protection of cultural and sacred sites, social and economic wellbeing of Indian communities, Tribal Governments, Individual members; and,



WHEREAS, the Act of August 4, 1947, commonly named the Stigler Act, was designed to systematically strip the Five Civilized Tribes of their land bases and began with the Individuals who received allotments, and,



WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is **not a Public Law 280 state and is forbidden in its own Constitution under Article 1 Section 3 from “the people of this state forever disclaim any interests in lands owned by a tribe, or lands owned by any Indian”**, and,

WHEREAS, the 47 Act is a Federal Mandate that forces the State of Oklahoma to act as instrumentalities of the Federal Government, yet no other groups of Indian Tribes are forced to have land title decisions made by any State of the Union, and,

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes adopted Resolution # 2013-36 which created the 47 Act Committee and charged the same with the responsibility of developing strategy and resolution to reform the 47 Act, and,

WHEREAS, the 47 Act Committee has met numerous times since its October 2013 charging orders; has now found resolution to reform the 47 Act and allow each tribe assurance that Restricted Indian Lands will not be lost due to blood quantum limits, and,

WHEREAS, the ITC finds that the one-half degree Indian Blood Quantum Requirement of the 1947 Act is discriminatory and imposes a higher

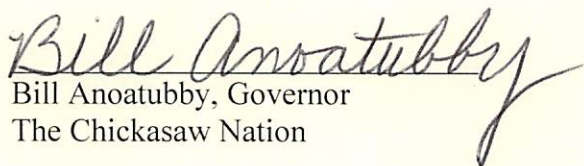
standard upon tribal members of the Five Civilized Tribes to keep the Restricted Indian Land title; therefore, the ITC has determined that joint efforts of the Five Civilized Tribes must be made to request Congressional action to remove the Blood Quantum Requirement from the 1947 Act., and,

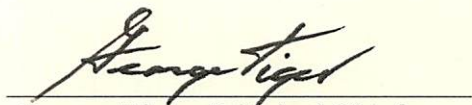
WHEREAS, the working group finds and recommends the attached information would begin reform of one of the most detrimental portions of the 47 Act, the committee recommends repeal of language that unjustly attacks and fails to protect the lands of members of the Five Civilized Tribes, and,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes requests that the Honorable Congressman Tom Cole, Honorable Congressman Markwayne Mullin and the Honorable Senator James Lankford support the recommended language and immediately begin the work reforming the 47 Act, and sponsor legislation in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to end the discriminatory taking of the lands of members of the Five Civilized Tribes.

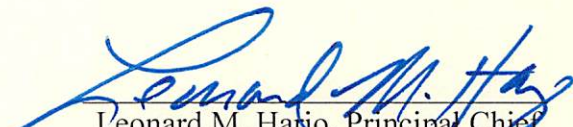
CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Norman, Oklahoma on this 10th day of July, 2015, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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