The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Joe Byrd as National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Eastern Region Vice-President

Resolution No. 15-29

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, Cherokee Nation Councilman Joe Byrd is a full blood and bilingual Cherokee, who has worked to protect tribal sovereignty, preserve our culture, further educational opportunities and protect our environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Byrd served as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1995 to 1999, and was elected by his peers to serve as Speaker of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Byrd has been appointed to numerous board positions with the State of Oklahoma, served on the Planning Committee of the National Indian Policy Center, and represented Cherokee Nation at the first White House Conference on Indian Education; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Byrd is the Chairman of the National Native American Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the National Indian Education Association, the Oklahoma Association for Bilingual Education, and is involved with many other state and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Byrd has long been a leader in Indian Country, and will be a strong voice for Oklahoma tribes as NCAI Eastern Region Vice-President;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ITC proudly supports the nomination of Joe Byrd as NCAI Eastern Region Vice-President.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 9th day of October, 2015, by a vote of 46 in favor 0 against and 0 abstentions.
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Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
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Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation