The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Resolution No. 16-27

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 more than 650,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been fighting the placement of the Dakota Access Pipeline across their ancestral lands in North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, after a federal judge denied the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s motion to stop the Pipeline, the Department of Justice, Department of the Army, and the Department of the Interior issued a joint statement announcing a temporary halt to work on the pipeline; and,

WHEREAS, ITC firmly stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, ITC firmly believes that tribal nations across Indian Country have an inalienable right to self-determination of their tribal homelands; and,

WHEREAS, ITC is grateful that the Administration, through the aforementioned federal agencies, intervened to do what is right in this matter – defend the rights of a sovereign tribal nation to intervene in commercial practices to prevent harm to tribal members, the land, and sacred sites; and,

WHEREAS, ITC commends the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for their courageous leadership that has protected our Mother Earth, and has been the catalyst for changes in the federal consultation policies for all tribes; and,

WHEREAS, ITC lauds the Administration for taking steps to protect the people and resources of Indian Country, and for taking steps to reform consultation policies when considering the views of tribes regarding infrastructure projects; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and admires their strength and resolve as they bravely protect Indian Country from exploitation and destruction.
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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 14th day of October, 2016, by a vote of ___ all ___ for ___ against and ___ abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

Bill Jane Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation