

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution in Support of an Oklahoma State House Bill to Change the Date of Native American Day to the Second Monday of October*

### Resolution No. 18-01



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

**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 approximately 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS,** Oklahoma has a Native American population of nearly 10%; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout its history, Native Americans have contributed immeasurably to the state of Oklahoma, distinguishing themselves as scholars, artists, entrepreneurs and leaders in all aspects of our society; and



Gary Batton  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the lands now known as the United States of America were occupied by millions of Native Americans for thousands of years before the arrival of the first Europeans; and

**WHEREAS,** an inaccurate portrayal of history is often taught in our school systems that Columbus and Europeans were the first peoples to “discover” America; and



James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** a bill sponsored by Oklahoma House District 6 Representative Chuck Hoskin, will be introduced this year in the Second Regular Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature that will move the current state holiday, “Oklahoma Native American Day” to the second Monday in October;

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes fully supports Representative Hoskin’s proposed change of “Oklahoma Native American Day” to the second Monday in October.



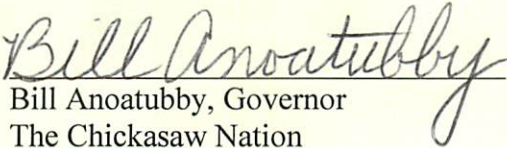
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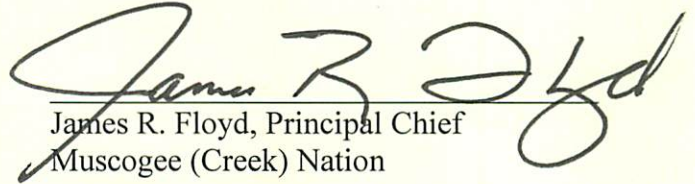
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on all Oklahomans to commemorate this day with appropriate activities to celebrate and honor the culture, contributions and traditions of Native Americans.

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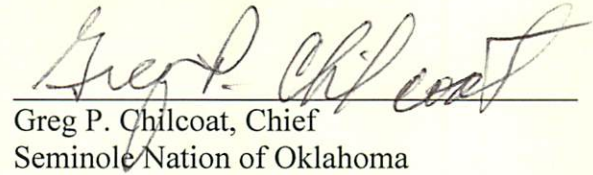
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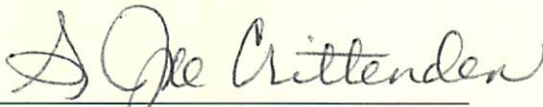
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Greg P. Chilcoat, Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

  
FOR Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation