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

WHEREAS, the respective governments of the Five Civilized Tribes determine the process and required documentation that each applicant for citizenship must provide through historical and genealogical research that utilizes the database and records primarily available through the Dawes Commission Rolls; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated and concentrated training conference will aid and assist both the respective governments and those who are vitally interested in their individual, family and Indian nation genealogy to better understand the process of and research requirements to establish citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the creation and execution of the Five Tribes Ancestry Conference will teach methods to research our respective genealogies in association with our tribal history; provide lecture sessions to the general population without regard to age, sex, race or national origin, many whom are citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes in need of ancestry knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Five Tribes Ancestry Conference will establish a relationship between the Five Civilized Tribes in order to provide an avenue to have a better understanding of records and other resources such as online sites that are available to increase knowledge of our respective ancestry.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the Five Tribes Ancestry Conference whose purpose is to educate the general public, including tribal citizens, in the preservation and expansion of knowledge in regards to tribal history and genealogy.
CERTIFICATION

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

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

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

Greg P. Chilcoat, Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma