The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Immediate Passage of Oklahoma House Bill 3076

Resolution No. 18-13

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 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our Nations relies on the safety and well-being of our tribal citizens, especially women and children; and

WHEREAS, Native women face the highest rates of violence of any group and more than half of all Native women experience physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, tribal domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs are significantly enhancing survivor safety throughout the State of Oklahoma, are often serving both Native and Non-Native victims and are often the only victim services available in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the ITC believes that tribal representation on the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board would be an asset to both the Native and Non-Native citizens of Oklahoma and should be mandated through state legislation; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the ITC hereby supports Oklahoma House Bill 3076 which would add two individuals, at least one of whom shall be an American Indian survivor of domestic violence, to the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 1st day of May, 2018, by a vote of 21 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
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