A Resolution Urging the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, to Hold a Tribal Consultation and Develop an OJJDP Tribal Policy in Conformance with the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018

Resolution No. 20-02

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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes values their tribal youth, their importance to the future of the five tribal nations and the need to reduce the number of tribal youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes established a juvenile justice committee which monitors the tribal, state and federal statutory and policy developments affecting tribal juvenile justice, including the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP); and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and the Seminole Nations have either received or are current recipients of the federal funding awarded by OJJDP and have established various delinquency prevention, truancy prevention and healing to wellness court programs; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the enactment of the federal Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 and the mandate for the OJJDP administrator to consult with Indian Tribes and develop an OJJDP policy to collaborate with representatives of Indian Tribes with a criminal justice function in order to implement the provisions of the federal act; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 requires the OJJDP to develop the federal policy within one year of the date of the enactment of the federal law, which was on December 21, 2019 and there has been no tribal consultation held or OJJDP policy developed to date.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes respectfully urges the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice to conduct a tribal consultation and develop a federal policy for the Office of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to collaborate with representatives of Indian tribes with a criminal justice function in order to effectively implement the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 10th day of January 2020, by a vote of _ for _ against and _ abstentions.

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