The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Encouraging Our Surrounding Communities and Neighbors to Join Us in Celebrating Native American Day and Native American Heritage Month

Resolution No. 20-11

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 Five Tribes share unique legal and political histories; and

WHEREAS, the Five Tribes and their citizens have made important and noteworthy contributions to their communities, the state of Oklahoma, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Day and Native American Heritage Month are special times set aside to pay tribute to the rich history and traditions of American Indian people as well as celebrate the thriving cultures and governments of tribal citizens today; and

WHEREAS, the first American Indian Day was declared by the governor of New York in May 1916. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared November "National American Indian Heritage Month," and since that time, every president has made a similar declaration each November; and

WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is Native American Day in Oklahoma and November is Native American Heritage Month nationwide. Several communities within our Nations have designated the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day or Native American Day; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes encourages our surrounding communities and neighbors to join us in celebrating Native American Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, Native American Heritage Month.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 9th day of October, 2020, by a vote of 21 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
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