

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting the United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) and U.N. Resolution 74/135*

### Resolution No. 22-06



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
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 Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS**, as sovereign Nations, our indigenous languages and cultures remain our most important connections to our ancestors and to each other, ensuring that we remain as distinct peoples for generations to come; and



Gary Batton  
Chief

**WHEREAS**, U.N. Resolution 74/135 of the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 2019 declares 2022-2032 to be the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (Decade) to preserve, revitalize, and promote Indigenous languages; and



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS**, the U.N. encourages Member States such as the United States to establish national mechanisms with adequate funding for the successful implementation of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages in partnership with federally recognized Indian tribes, as custodians of their own languages, to initiate and develop appropriate measures for the implementation of the Decade; and



Lewis J. Johnson  
Chief

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council echoes the sentiments of the United Nations about the urgent need for steps to promote and revitalize Indigenous languages at both the national and international level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council believes that this initiative offers a unique opportunity to collaborate in areas of policy development that will stimulate the global dialogue in the true spirit of language engagement and progression;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the United Nations efforts in upholding and supporting the promotion of Indigenous languages throughout the next decade and beyond.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commits to facilitating information-sharing for the activities and events that are being organized all over the world which promote resources and tools related to the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages.

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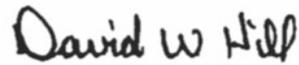
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States to recognize the significance and purposes of the Decade, develop a national action plan with adequate funding to meet the aims of the Decade, participate in international meetings regarding the Decade, and support Native Nations who wish to participate in the Decade.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, by a vote of 22 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation



David W. Hill, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation



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Lewis J. Johnson, Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

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