

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Congratulating Sara Hill and Commending Senator Lankford and Senator Mullin for Supporting her Confirmation by the United States Senate*

### Resolution No. 24-02



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Batten  
Chief



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief



Lewis J. Johnson  
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

**WHEREAS,** in October 2023, United States President Joe Biden nominated Sara Hill to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS,** confirmation of this nomination is of historic value, as she will be the first Native American woman to serve as a federal judge in Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout Sara Hill's career she has been dedicated to public service, the rule of law, protecting tribal sovereignty, and she will bring a vast understanding of tribal issues to the United States District Court; and

**WHEREAS,** Sara Hill is known for her legal expertise, work ethic and sense of fairness that will enable her to be an exceptional addition to the judiciary; and

**WHEREAS,** serving as the former Cherokee Nation Attorney General and as the former Secretary of Natural Resources, Sara Hill oversaw and helped lead Cherokee Nation as an advocate for the tribe's legal position and for its sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS,** Sara Hill earned bipartisan support from an array of individuals and organizations throughout the country, for the exact characteristics that helped her gain the confidence of Inter-Tribal Council leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** Senator James Lankford and Senator Markwayne Mullin placed our collective interest in improving access to justice in Oklahoma federal courts over partisan divisions and worked with the Biden administration to confirm Sara Hill; and

**WHEREAS,** in December 2023, on a bipartisan basis, the United States Senate confirmed Sara Hill as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

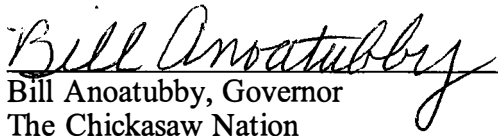
**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commends Senator Lankford and Senator Mullin for their support of Sara Hill and the United States Senate for confirming her nomination and congratulates

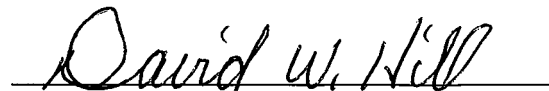
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Sara Hill as she becomes the first Native American woman to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.


## CERTIFICATION

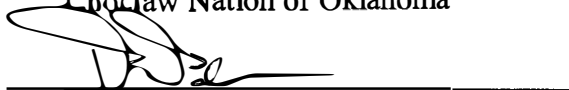
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 5th day of January, 2024, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
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Cherokee Nation

  
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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma