WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all of the Tribes to work on a government-to-government basis with all federal agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Preservation Committee of the Inter-Tribal Council has worked closely with the representatives of the National Forest Service, in particular the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, on the "To Bridge A Gap" conference for a better understanding of consultation with the Tribes, and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that this is a start to the federal role in the protection of our cultural sites and we believe that it will be good for all concerned for us to co-host this conference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal council of the Five Civilized tribes agrees to co-host, with the National Forest Service the "To Bridge A Gap" conference to be held at the Choctaw Inn at Durant, Oklahoma, February 26-28, 2002.
Resolution No. 2002-2

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 11, 2002, by the vote of 24 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Mary Flute Cooksey Signed   S. McDaniel Signed
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Cherokee Nation   Choctaw Nation

R. Perry Beaver Signed   Jerry Haney Signed
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation   Seminole Nation

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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