The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

NUMBER 97-04

Resolution Supporting the Designation of the Chickasaw Nation to Develop
Repatriation Reburial Activity Protocol

WHEREAS,
the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which
unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee
(Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people
throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,
Dr. Kit Wesley, Director, Wickliffe Mounds Research Center, Murray State
University has taken a leadership role to repatriation and reburial issues at the
Wickliffe Mounds Research Center that seeks direct and formal involvement of
the Five Civilized Tribes, and

WHEREAS,
The Repatriation Committee of the Inter-Tribal Council fully supports the reburial
efforts of the Wickliffe Mounds Research Center, and

WHEREAS,
Public Law 101-601 enacted November 16, 1990 by the 101st Congress through
H.R. 5237, known as the “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
Act” or “NAGPRA,” provides that federally recognized Indian Tribes and
Nations are responsible for reburial issues, and

WHEREAS,
The Repatriation Committee has determined that the Chickasaw Nation should
take the lead for this reburial activity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes acknowledges the
Chickasaw Nation as the designated nation to develop the proper protocol,
procedures and ceremony under which the reburial will take place.