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, The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is the collective voice for all Indian students, and their parents/guardians within our respective jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes declares that the academic, mental, social, spiritual and physical well being of our American Indian students are of our highest priority; and

WHEREAS, Through federal treaty, established policy and legal precedent, the United States government has acknowledged its trust responsibility to promote the academic education of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the Five Tribes to have an active voice in educating Indian children regarding Indian history; and

WHEREAS, The Inter-Tribal Council contends the Five Tribes which unites the Tribal governments of the Muskogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations, will designate representatives from each tribe to develop a plan of operation to approve the accuracy of the curriculum and textbooks concerning Indian histories in public schools and other state supported educational institutions within the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the selection of representatives by the Five Tribes to assist in the selection of history curriculum and history textbooks.
BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes does hereby call upon the State of Oklahoma to honor requests by the Five Tribes to allow involvement of selected representatives to assist the state of Oklahoma in the selection of curriculum and textbooks to teach Indians regarding Indian history.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on April 3, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

J. Garland Eagle Signed for  Greg E. Pyle Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief  Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Cherokee Nation  Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed  Jerry Haney Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief  Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation