The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

NUMBER 98-14

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 Five Civilized Tribes are the only tribes among the 557 federally recognized
tribes who must meet a one-half blood quantum requirement to hold federal
restrictions on allotted property; and

WHEREAS,
The process of issuing cards as Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB’s)
to individual citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes does not reflect all Five
Civilized Tribe blood contribution, but only documents the blood of the tribe in
which the citizen is enrolled, and

WHEREAS,
The CDIB process can be corrected administratively to properly reflect the total
blood quantum form all Five Civilized Tribes ancestors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will take action to meet
with BIA Tribal Enrollment officers either in a public forum meeting with tribal
citizens or in a government-to-government meeting with the Muskogee Area
Director and his staff to demand the process be changed to reflect all Indian blood.

CERTIFICATION
Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at
Canadian, 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
Bill Anoatubby, Governor                        Chickasaw Nation