The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
NUMBER 99-13

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 threatened archeological site known as “Miami Circle” is a “Sacred Site” of
the Tequesta people and is considered a “Sacred Site” by the present day
aboriginal tribes, whose remnants reside in the Five Civilized Tribes and other
Southeastern tribes; and

WHEREAS,
There are governmental agencies, organizations, individuals, and indigenous
people who are working vigorously to protect the site by various means, including
litigation proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes has heard the plea of the
indigenous people and the cry of our ancestors and feel compelled to support those
who seek to save and protect this “Sacred Religious Site”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes declared this ancient
Tequesta site as a traditional cultural property and a sacred site of all aboriginal
tribes of the southeast, and should be treated with care and respect as other sacred
religious sites around the world.
CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting on April 9, 1999, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

J. Garland Eagle Signed for Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation