The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
NUMBER 99-2

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,
Public Law 101-601 enacted the “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) November 16, 1990 by the 101st Congress, which mandates the return of certain Human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects of cultural patrimony and provides for the protection of Native American Grave sites, and

WHEREAS,
The ITCFCT desires to protect and preserve the cultural heritage of the Southeast cultures, have developed an NAGPRA Committee for the purposes of addressing mutual concerns relevant to resolve these spiritual disturbances within our Native communities, and

WHEREAS,
The Tennessee Courts have requested a determination from the United States Department of the Interior regarding the reburial of funerary objects with associated pre-historic human remains removed from burial sites from the Brentwood Library site in Brentwood, Tennessee

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the request of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs for determination by the United States Department of Interior for the reburial of funerary objects with human remains at Brentwood Library in Brentwood, Tennessee.
CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at Sulphur, Oklahoma, on October 8, 1999, by a vote of 22 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Mary Cooksey Signed for Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg Pyle Signed Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Chickasaw Nation

Jerry Haney Signed Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation