

**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 101<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
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Jerry Haney Signed  
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Seminole Nation

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