## The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution to Support Collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service in the Protection, Interpretation, and Development of Fort Armistead

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## Resolution No. 15-10

- WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service manages the Cherokee National Forest which contains a significant site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail; and
- WHEREAS, the National Park Service administers the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail; and
- WHEREAS, the site, known as Fort Armistead, possesses exceptional integrity for an Indian removal period outpost; and
- WHEREAS, Fort Armistead is of national importance because it functioned as an element of the infrastructure network that was used during the Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) removals; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service wish to collaborate with the Five Civilized Tribes in planning the protection, interpretation, and development of Fort Armistead.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service in the protection, interpretation, and development of Fort Armistead.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, by a vote of Alling Tone against and abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

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