The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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A Resolution Opposing Oklahoma State Question 777

Resolution No. 16-14

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, responsible agriculture practices have always been vital to the lives of the citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes, and farming and raising animals is a fundamental part of the culture of each Tribe; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the supply of safe, sustainable and local food is vital to the safety and security of tribal communities in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, tribal people living today have a responsibility to ensure that land, air and water are protected and preserved for the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, State Question 777 would prohibit the Oklahoma legislature from passing laws necessary to protect the lands, lives and farms of Oklahoma citizens, including citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes who live in the state;
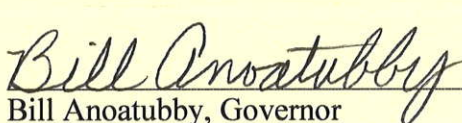
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes stands in opposition to State Question 777 and the threat it represents to the Oklahoma farmers, ranchers and families.
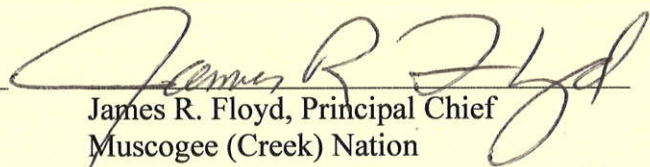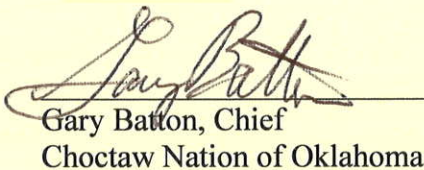
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 8th day of April, 2016, by a vote of __all__ for __0__ against and __0__ abstentions.
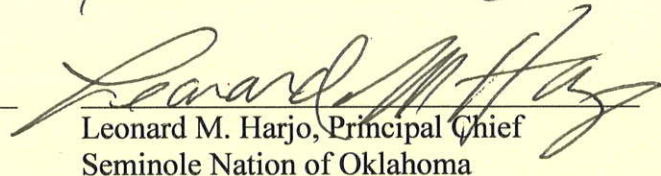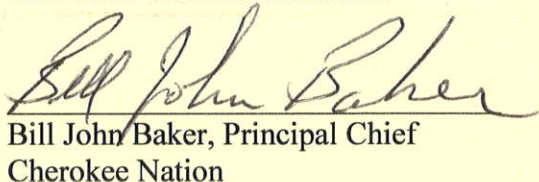
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