

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting The Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association application as the lead agency in the Tribal State Partnership Grant

Resolution No. 23-07



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief

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, and Seminole Nations, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the tribal state partnership grant recognizes the goal to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of American Indian children and families through improved communication, training, and accountability of child welfare and court systems as it relates to ICWA; and



Bill Anoalubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the grant recipients have the opportunity to work together to craft solutions for longstanding challenges, consistent with the letter and spirit of ICWA, in ways that work best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, ICWA has been labeled “the gold standard” of child welfare policy by experts and national leading child advocacy organizations far beyond Indian Country; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, OICWA is a non-profit organization in existence since 1984 organized exclusively for educational and other charitable activities to promote the well-being of American Indian children, their families, their tribes, and the prevention of abuse and/or neglect to American Indian children by training and other activities for persons and agencies dealing with American Indian children, particularly where they have been removed from their families; and

WHEREAS, the Child Welfare Services Sub-Committee requests ITC support to maintain and preserve the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, forty percent of Indian Children in Oklahoma foster care are members of the Five Civilized Tribes and approximately one-third of foster children in the state of Oklahoma are Indian children; and



Lewis J. Johnson
Chief

WHEREAS, time is of the essence as the new partnership grant requires a letter of support by the application deadline in June; and

WHEREAS, The Five Civilized Tribes recognize the importance of collaboration and partnerships with the Oklahoma Human Services and Court Improvement Program; and

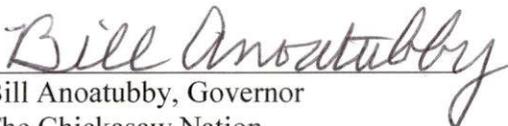
WHEREAS; it is requested that Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association be the lead agency with the Tribal State Partnership grant; and

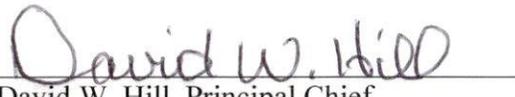
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NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Associations application for the Tribal State Partnership Grant to Implement Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare Act.

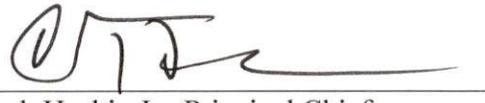
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 14th day of April, 2023, by a vote of All for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation


Lewis J. Johnson, Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma