



UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

A Resolution in Support of Continued Cooperation Between Tribal Nations in Oklahoma and Local Governments, including the Agreement Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa, and Condemning the Heated and Unnecessary Rhetoric from Governor Kevin Stitt

WHEREAS, the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) is an organization established to protect the inherent sovereignty and self-determination of all Tribal Nations based in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, UINO seeks to safeguard the laws and treaties that benefit Tribal Nations and Tribal citizens and to help improve government-to-government relations among Tribal Nations in Oklahoma, the United States, and the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, UINO celebrates the many occasions when Tribal Nations and local governments work together for the betterment of Indian and non-Indian people in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa have reached an agreement regarding the exercise of criminal jurisdiction over Indians within the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, UINO acknowledges the remarkable leadership of Tulsa Mayor Monroe Nichols and the work of his team that demonstrate his commitment to co-governance of lands in Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa is a safer place for all citizens and visitors of Tulsa because of Muscogee (Creek) Nation law enforcement, which includes more cops on the ground, sophisticated law enforcement equipment, including drones, tactical teams, rescue and recovery, and a shared commitment to public safety for the entire reservation, including Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa reaching an agreement on criminal jurisdiction in Tulsa, Governor Kevin Stitt issued a public statement saying: "Tulsa is essentially making itself a sanctuary city for tribal members engaged in criminal activity."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UINO applauds the efforts of Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Tulsa to reach a mutually beneficial agreement on criminal jurisdiction over Indians within the Muscogee (Creek) Reservation and the City of Tulsa; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UINO condemns the false and inflammatory rhetoric of Governor Stitt that incites division not only between Tribal Nations and local governments but also Indian and non-Indian people.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the Policy of UINO until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma membership in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on this 24th day of June, 2025, with a quorum present.

Chief Ben Barnes, Chairman

ATTEST

Principal Chief David Hill, Recording Secretary