

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 58

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution urging the Governor and other
8 governmental representatives to begin a negotiation
9 process and cooperate with any federally recognized
10 Indian tribe or nation claiming rights to any water
11 of this state; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74
13 of the Oklahoma Statutes and as otherwise required by compact or
14 treaty, any cooperative agreement involving the surface water and
15 groundwater resources of this state shall become effective only upon
16 the consent of the Oklahoma Legislature; and

17 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of all the citizens of
18 this state to encourage the discussion and negotiation process
19 necessary to draft cooperative agreements with any and all federally
20 recognized Indian tribes or nations claiming rights to any waters of
21 this state instead of instituting or participating in lengthy and
22 expensive legal proceedings resulting in negative outcomes for all
23 parties and the citizens of this state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 SECTION 1. The Legislature urges the Governor, the Oklahoma
4 Water Resources Board, and any relevant agency of the state or
5 federal government to begin a negotiation process and cooperate with
6 any federally recognized Indian tribe or nation claiming rights to
7 any water of this state.

8 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
9 distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary
10 of Environment and the Chair of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

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