

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 99

By: Anderson, Aldridge, Allen,  
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A Resolution recognizing the contributions of the  
Tribes in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, there are 38 federally recognized Tribes within the  
State of Oklahoma, namely: Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Alabama  
Quassarte Tribe, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma,  
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma,  
Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Citizen Potawatomi  
Nation, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation of Oklahoma,  
Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Fort  
Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Kaw Nation of  
Oklahoma, Kialegee Tribal Town, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Kiowa  
Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma,  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation of Oklahoma, Otoe-Missouria

Tribe of Indians, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Ponca Nation of Oklahoma, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, United Keetowah Band of Cherokees, Wichita & Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma, Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the members of these Tribes represent nearly 13% of the statewide population; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are sovereign nations within their operating boundaries and have the power to form a government, create legislation, define enrollment, regulate property, levy taxes and regulate commerce; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments provide a variety of services for their citizens and the citizens of Oklahoma which reduces the burden on state funding for similar services and includes expenditure categories of Education, Social Services, Economic Development, Roads and Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Oklahoma City University found that the tribal nations of Oklahoma provide 87,174 full-time equivalent jobs, generate \$2.5 Billion Dollars in annual state income, and supply \$10.8 Billion Dollars in state production of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes to say "thank you" to these tribal governments and tribal members for their significant contributions to the State of Oklahoma. Together may we always strive to make our state a great place to live.

THAT this resolution be delivered to the tribal leadership of each tribal nation of Oklahoma and to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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