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RESOLUTION APPROVED BY ISPARHECHER

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The conference of the leaders of the Creek tribe of Indians which has been in session at Okmulgee for the past few days adjourned yesterday after passing the following resolutions regarding the allotment of their lands:

"To the Honorable Members of the Convention: We, your committee have carefully considered the matter referred to us and submit the following resolutions for your consideration and approval:

"Resolved, by the convention of the Muskogee nation, that as a nation we do oppose a division of our lands in severalty; be it further

"Resolved, That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to instruct the chiefs or kings to call all the

members of their respective towns to vote at an early day as possible as to whether they oppose allotment or not, and report to the Principal Chief at once; be it further

"Resolved, That as soon as the Principal Chief shall receive the report from each town he shall immediately forward a true and exact copy of the votes of each town to the delegates now representing the Muskogee nation in Washington, D. C.

John McIntosh, Chair'n.

As soon as the conference of leaders had adjourned Chief Isparhecher issued a letter to the judges of the district courts of the Muskogee or Creek nation, which clearly shows that the conference was held for the purpose of deciding whether or not the Creeks would oppose, or rather, submit to, the change of jurisdiction which occurred on January 1, 1898. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir: By virtue of authority in me vested by law to see that the laws of this nation are properly enforced, I hereby earnestly solicit you to enforce all the laws creating and governing your office. While the congress of the United States is endeavoring to impair our laws and set aside our courts, we have a strong and energetic representation at Washington looking after our interests there, and to oppose all legislation calculated to injure us as a nation. I,

therefore, urge you to stand firmly at your post of duty, and faithfully, honestly and fearlessly discharge your duty as a true, patriotic officer of your country, and be not discouraged at outside threats. A strong legal firm will be employed to look after all matters arising out of the question of jurisdiction, and you will apply to them when in need of legal assistance in your office.

Very sincerely,

ISPARHECHER."