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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the reappointment of Floyd E. Maytubby, Oklahoma City, as Governor of the Chickasaw Indian Tribe and the appointment of Waldo E McIntosh of Tulsa as Principal Chief of the Oklahoma Creek Indian Tribe.

Under a 1906 law the President was empowered to appoint a Principal Chief periodically for each of the so-called "Five Civilized Tribes" of Oklahoma-- Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole and Creek. In 1951 this appointing authority was delegated to the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Maytubby has served in the office continuously since October 1939. Secretary Udall noted in advising Mr. Maytubby of his reappointment for a two-year term that he had served “with dignity and integrity".

Mr. McIntosh has long been active in tribal affairs. In advising him of the two-year appointment, Secretary Udall wrote that "as a public servant you have long had the confidence of your fellow tribesmens as well as other Indian leaders and non-Indian people in your community." Mr. McIntosh has served a number of years as County Assessor, Tulsa County, and is now serving his second term as County Treasurer of that County. He succeeds Turner Bear, of Checotah, Oklahoma, who has served as Principal Chief since 1957.

The primary functions of the Chickasaw Governor and the Creek Principal Chief are to represent the tribe on public occasions and in the execution of documents relating to tribal property.