



# Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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## **Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Receives Presidential Approval on Second Bill Signed Into Law**

**(MIAMI, OKLAHOMA)** The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma proudly announces President Obama signed a second Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Bill into law on Monday, February 29, 2016. H.R. 487, sponsored by U.S. Congressman Markwayne Mullin, (OK), allows the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to sell, transfer or lease non-trust lands without restrictions from the 1790 Indian Non-Intercourse Act, which remains federal law.

“This Bill is important to the Tribe because it removes old and troublesome federal restrictions on the Tribe’s ability to sell or lease its lands,” said Chief Lankford. “The Indian Non-Intercourse Act is an out dated law that remains on the books and was an impediment to the Tribe’s self-determination regarding the use of its own lands.” Chief Lankford said.

H.R. 487, was sponsored by Congressman Markwayne Mullin and was supported in the United States Senate by Senator James Lankford (OK). Congressman Don Young (AK), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Alaska and Native American Affairs also supported the Bill. “The Tribe cannot adequately thank Congressman Mullin, Senator Lankford, Congressman Young, and their staff, for the support and assistance to see the passage of the Tribe’s legislation through Congress,” said Chief Lankford.

In addition to passage of H.R. 487, the Miami Tribe’s Bill, H.R. 4002, a bill to revoke an unused and out dated 1940 federal Corporate Charter, also sponsored by Congressman Mullin and supported by Senator Lankford and Congressman Young, was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2015. “The success of the Miami Tribe’s federal legislation helps the Tribe move forward and take care of business for its 4,980 tribal members in Oklahoma and across the country,” said Chief Lankford, “we could never have accomplished this without the hard work and support of our great congressional leadership.”