

**RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

No. 95-03

Request for a Field Hearing to Provide a Forum for discussion on the Reauthorization
Of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

- WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which united the tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee Nations, representing over 300,000 tribal members throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Nationally over one hundred and twenty thousand Native Americans utilize the Food Distribution Program as their primary source of food; and
- WHEREAS, the Farm Bill, which sets funding and regulations for food distribution and other federal aid programs is up for reauthorization in early 1995, an decisions about welfare reform made at the federal level in the next few months will have long-lasting impact on tribal programs; and
- WHEREAS, a field hearing would provide a forum to discuss the Food Distribution Program design with input from the Department of Agriculture, the Food Distribution Program administrators, and staff, tribal leaders, and tribal members who rely on the program

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to approve and support a field hearing in Oklahoma to address concerns regarding the Food Distribution program.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at **Arrowhead Resort, Canadian, OK** on this **13th** day of **January, 1995** by a vote of **24** for, **0** against, **0** abstentions.

 (Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for)
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief
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 (Signed by Governor Anoatubby)
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

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Bill S. Fife, Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation