

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**  
*Organized February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1950*

**Resolution No. 95-20**

**Resolution in Support of Opposing the Elimination of FY '96  
Funding for Bilingual Education Programs**

- WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and
- WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes the need for Bilingual Education Programs for all Limited English Proficient Indian people; and
- WHEREAS**, that the Federal Government has a special and continuing obligation to assist in providing equal educational opportunity to Limited English Proficient children; and
- WHEREAS**, that the Federal Government has special and continuing obligation to assist language minority students to acquire the English Language Proficiency that will enable them to become full and productive members of society; and
- WHEREAS**, there is a serious shortage of teachers and educational personnel who are professionally trained and qualified to serve children of limited English proficiency; and
- WHEREAS**, the rescission bill currently before the House of Representatives calls for the elimination of funding for Bilingual Education Programs
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the opposition to the elimination of funding for Bilingual Education Programs be made known.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Washington, D.C. on this 7th, day of **April, 1995**, by a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Signed by Wilma P. Mankiller  
Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

Signed by Hollis Roberts  
Hollis Roberts, Chief  
Choctaw Nation

Signed by Bill Fife  
Bill Fife, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Signed by Jerry Haney  
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation

Signed by Bill Anoatubby  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
Chickasaw Nation