

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 97-11

Support for Funding to Tribal Education Departments

WHEREAS,

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

Under current law the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of Indian Education Programs and the U.S. Department of Education/Office of Indian Education are authorized to assist tribal education departments; and

WHEREAS,

These two programs are authorized to make grants to Indian tribes to plan and develop a centralized tribal administrative entity; and

WHEREAS,

The president's fiscal year 1998 budget request does not include funding for these grants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does hereby call upon the Congress of the United States and the Clinton Administration to take affirmative measures to sufficiently fund Tribal Education Departments at the \$3 million level, established or to be established, for the benefit of Indian people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the funding of Tribal Education Departments which are under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Education.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Canadian, Oklahoma on April 11, 1997, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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