

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

NUMBER 97-16

**A Resolution in Support of the 1997 Tribal Self-Governance Amendments**

**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,**

Congressman George Miller introduced the Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997, and

**WHEREAS,**

The amendments are an extension of the original 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, and

**WHEREAS,**

The amendments provide for Tribes to compact with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for the management and operation of all health programs for eligible American Indians/Alaskan Natives.

**WHEREAS,**

The amendments create Title V of the Indian Self-Determination Act which enables the demonstration project for compacting with the Department of Health and Human Services to become permanent, and

**WHEREAS,**

The amendments represent a historic opportunity to strengthen tribal governments and promote the Congressional policy of Indian Self-Determination by giving Indian tribes the authority to operate all federal health care programs.

**CERTIFICATION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the passage of this amendment is vital to the government to government relationship between the Five Civilized Tribes and the Secretary of Health and Human Services the undersigned Chiefs and Governor of the Five Civilized Tribes support the passage of the Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997.

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

J. Garland Eagle Signed for  
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed  
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief  
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed  
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed  
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
Chickasaw Nation