

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

NUMBER 2000-10

**INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO MAKE A
SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A LINE ITEM IN THE FY 2001 BUDGET FOR
TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

In the School Improvement Amendments of 1988, Pub. L. No. 100-297, Congress authorized appropriations for tribal education departments through the U.S. Department of the Interior, and

WHEREAS,

The president's FY 2001 Budget does not request funding within the Interior Department for tribal education departments; and

WHEREAS,

Federal funds for tribal education departments are a vital part of the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and Indian tribal nations, as embodied in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, other acts of Congress, and the trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS,

Indian education reports and research recommend that tribal education departments be federally-funded so they can be empowered to improve educational conditions for tribal students; and

WHEREAS,

Even though the president has not asked for tribal education department funding, Congress can make a special request for such funding by way of a line item;

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, 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 hereby resolves and asks that Congress make a special request for line item funding through the U.S. Department of the Interior in the amount of \$5 million for tribal education departments.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada, Oklahoma on April 7, 2000, by a vote of 21 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

John A. Ketcher Signed for
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

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

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

James Factor Signed for
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Jefferson Keal Signed for
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation