

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

NUMBER 2000-13

**RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF A NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH
CENTER FOR HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
OKLAHOMA HEALTH AND SCIENCES CENTER**

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,

The Indian Health Service (IHS) in association with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health, has announced the intent to fund competitive grants to fund Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) in Fy/2001, and

WHEREAS,

Application for the NARCH program must be made by federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia with collaborations with academic research centers and universities required, and

WHEREAS,

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics currently is providing specialty health services in cardiology, pulmonology, rheumatology, and pediatric diabetes to council members at IHS and Tribal Facilities; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognized that improving the health of its citizens can be furthered by improving the ability of tribal systems to compete for grants that enhance our knowledge of well-defined chronic and infectious diseases and health conditions that affect members of Oklahoma tribes; by developing and evaluating interventions to reduce health disparities and to enhance the strengths and resiliencies of Native communities and individuals; by developing a cadre of American Indian scientists and health professionals that is competitive for NIH funding; and by increasing the capability of both the Tribal Health Systems and OUHSC to work in partnership to produce competitive grants and specialty health services for the benefit of Oklahoma Indians, and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes also recognizes the value of entering into a more equal partnership with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does hereby support a consortium application for the NARCH program, the consortium to be comprised of its member Nations in partnership with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). We agree that OUHSC will provide technical support in writing and assembling the consortium application, will assist in coordinating the application process, and will execute cooperative agreement with each consortium nation as part of the application. We agree that in involvement of OUHSC in the consortium NARCH application should be based on the Department of Pediatrics that the ultimate goal of this partnership is to establish a permanent, federally-funded Native American Health Institute in Oklahoma that is Tribally controlled.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at the Choctaw Community Center, McAlester, Oklahoma on July 7, 2000, by a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Chadwick Smith Signed
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
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Greg E. Pyle Signed
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Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
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Jerry Haney Signed
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