

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

NUMBER 2000-16

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE USE OF NAHASDA POPULATION
FIGURES FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOCATING INDIAN RESERVATION
ROADS FUNDING THROUGH THE TEA-21 NEGOTIATED RULE MAKING
PROCESS**

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 Inter-Tribal Council is aware that the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking committee is considering the use of population figures from the NAHASDA report as a factor for funding Indian Reservation Roads; and

WHEREAS,

The NAHASDA report reduces the number of Indian people in Eastern Oklahoma by 141, 446 compared to the current BIA Labor Force Report; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council believes the NAHASDA report sends a dangerous message to congress and would seriously reduce the ability of Indian tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide transportation assistance to Indian people in Eastern Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma adamantly opposes the use of NAHASDA population figures for purposes of allocating Indian Reservation Roads funding.

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.

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