



A Resolution Supporting the Indian Health Service Health Professions Act

Resolution No. 14 - 13

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the Tribal Governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes considers the health disparities between American Indians and all other Americans to be a critical issue that the United States has a responsibility to address; and,

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (IHS) spends approximately 30 percent of its Health Professions account to pay taxes to the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, Bipartisan legislation was introduced titled the Indian Health Service Health Professions Tax Fairness Act (H.R. 3391)

WHEREAS, said legislation would amend the tax code allowing IHS health professionals who have received awards from said programs to be exempt from federal income tax; and,

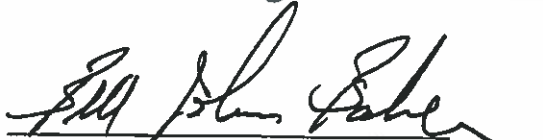
WHEREAS, the above mentioned legislation would provide health care professionals who receive student loan repayments from the IHS the same tax free status enjoyed by those who receive National Health Service Corps loan repayments; and,


WHEREAS, this organization recognizes that staffing levels of IHS facilities as a serious concern; and,

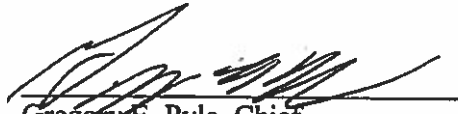
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby supports the Indian Health Service Health Professions Tax Fairness Act of 2013 and recognizes it as an important step in fixing the problem of staffing levels in IHS facilities.


CERTIFICATION

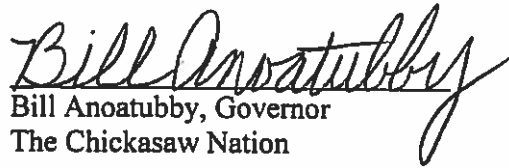
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 11th day of April, 2014, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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Cherokee Nation


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