

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution supporting Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools (EOTS) and the services they provide to the Cherokee Nation- Sequoyah High School, Muscogee (Creek) Nation- Eufaula Dormitory, Choctaw Nation- Jones Academy, and the Chickasaw Nation- Chickasaw Children's Village

Resolution No. 16-15



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



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Chief



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Principal Chief



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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 more than 650,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Council is the nationally recognized voice of the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the EOTS program was founded in 1997 by Inter-Tribal Resolutions FY97-03 & FY96-14 for the purpose of contracting facilities management and professional architectural services for the four tribally operated boarding schools in eastern Oklahoma. The EOTS program was created because the BIA was not providing essential and adequate facilities services to the schools to address poor and worsening conditions of the facilities and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the EOTS program not only provides facilities management and professional architectural services to our schools, but funds the effort to input backlogs, actual location costs, EMAP data entry and other tasks for which there are no processes available to recoup funding for their efforts. These duties are generally a responsibility of the BIA, however due to the absence of BIA services, support and funding these services have been and continue to be provided by EOTS; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has decreased and eliminated funding to EOTS and made the decision to further eliminate Project Administration Fees for BIA funded projects at our schools. The reduction or loss of this funding will have an immediate impact on the services that EOTS can provide to our respective schools, dormitories, and education programs; and

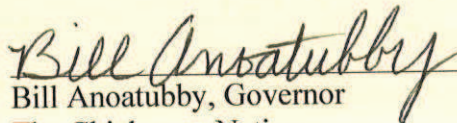
WHEREAS, the BIA's decision to eliminate the funds and failure to provide adequate and essential services to our schools without just reason and formal tribal consultation represents an unacceptable reduction in services and voice for the Indian residents that rely on the services as currently provided by the Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools program.


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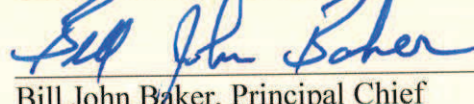
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is adamantly opposed to the BIA's reduction or elimination of funding to the Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools Facilities Management Program which significantly reduces the facilities management services provided to the four Indian schools and their respective tribes.

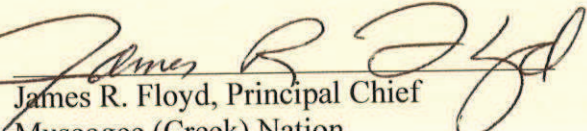
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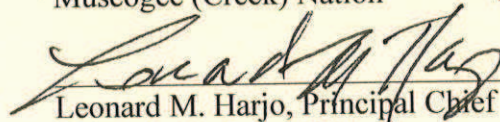
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Norman, Oklahoma on this 8th day of July, 2016, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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