

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Resolution No. 18-15



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

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 approximately 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the Community Health Representative (CHR) and Health Education Programs were established in 1968, under the authority of the 1921 Snyder Act (25 U.S.C. § 13); and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the CHR is a trusted member of the community who is aware of cultural sensitivities and traditions and provides health care, transportation, health promotion and disease prevention services; and

WHEREAS, the CHR program promotes the highest possible health level to American Indians by providing medically-guided primary health care services where no other resources are available. Services offered by the CHR program include: patient advocacy, liaison between clients, tribal and community resources, patient education, health promotion and disease prevention. They conduct weekly health screenings of blood pressure, pulse, respirations, temperature, test blood sugar, and provide health education services.



James R. Floyd
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Health Education Program provides for preventive health education, emergency response and public health, and chronic and communicable disease education. The program specifically assist in building healthy communities by promoting health and ultimately increases the life expectancy of Tribal communities. Health Education is essential for prevention and prevention is essential to turn the tide for chronic health conditions and worsening health disparities seen across the United States in American Indian communities; and



Greg P. Chilcoat
Chief

WHEREAS, the CHR and Health Education Programs have contributed to lowering mortality rates; and in short, are part of the direct provision of health services, especially for the most vulnerable American Indians; and

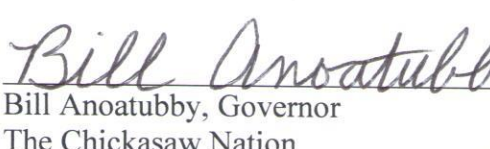
WHEREAS, on February 12, 2018 the President released the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request to Congress. The budget request proposes to eliminate the CHR and Health Education programs; and

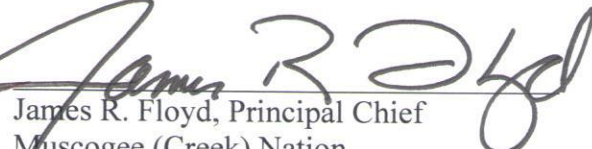
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes officially opposes the elimination of the CHR and Health Education Programs as requested in the FY 2019 President's Budget Request; and,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes requests Congress to continue providing funding for the CHR and Health Education Programs.

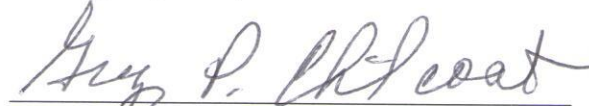
CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 1st day of May, 2018, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation