

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Opposing the Elimination of the Indian and Native American Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funding in the President's FY 2019 Budget*

### Resolution No. 18-09



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Batton  
Chief



James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief



Greg P. Chilcoat  
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

**WHEREAS,** the five Tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council have been operating Department of Labor Employment and Training Programs for over four decades; and

**WHEREAS,** the Indian and Native American population, as a whole, have the highest unemployment rate and lowest educational rate of any United States population; and

**WHEREAS,** in FY 2017 the five Tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council received a total of \$4,268,920 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the Department of Labor; and

**WHEREAS,** these funds are necessary to provide Indian and Native Americans within our service areas the skills needed to enter and retain good employment with self-sustaining wages and benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** these funds provide needed services to thousands of Indian and Native Americans, both youth and adult; and

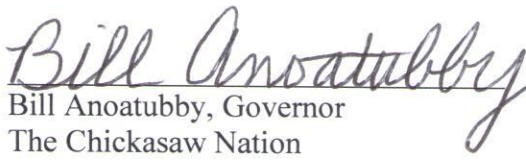
**WHEREAS,** the information upon which this decision was based is seriously flawed, stating our programs are “unproven” and questioning why the “grantee cohorts have remained the same over the past decade” demonstrates a serious lack of familiarity with tribes, tribal organizations and Native Communities.

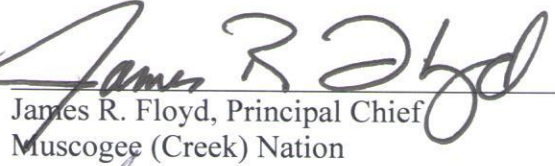
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the elimination of Indian and Native American WIOA funding as presented in the President's proposed FY 2019 budget.

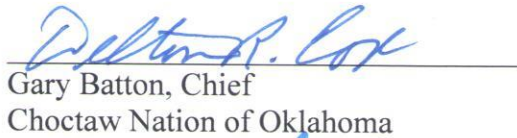
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to reinstate WIOA funding at a level not less than \$55 million dollars.

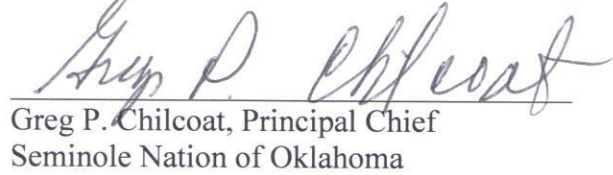
**CERTIFICATION**

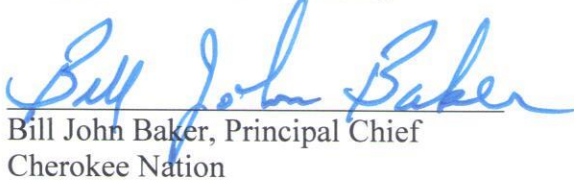
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
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