

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Opposing the Elimination of Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the FY 2020 Department of Health and Human Services Budget Request

Resolution No. 19-14



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 more than 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



BILL ANOATUBBY
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program that services low-income households in need of assistance with home energy bills. Priority is given to households with a high energy burden or those with a vulnerable individual in the house, such as a young child under five years old, a person with a disability or an elder over the age of 60; and



GARY BATTON
CHIEF

WHEREAS, LIHEAP assists more than 10,000 households of the Five Civilized Tribes with heating and cooling their homes through a detailed application process; and

WHEREAS, many tribal citizens live in rural areas, making it difficult to access and maintain a dependable job, and, furthermore, making LIHEAP and similar programs crucial to their welfare; and



JAMES R. FLOYD
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to the Five Civilized Tribes and suffers from climate extremes, including high heat indexes during the summer months and below freezing temperatures during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY2020 budget proposes to eliminate the LIHEAP program that would deprive vulnerable tribal citizens of essential resources.



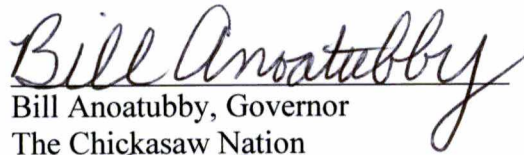
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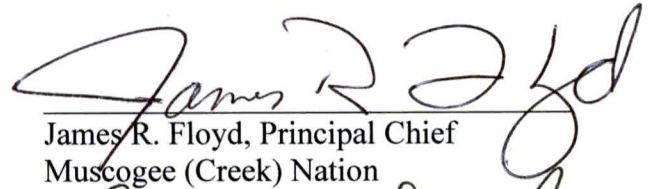
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby opposes the elimination of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and urges the United States Congress to protect funding for this important program.

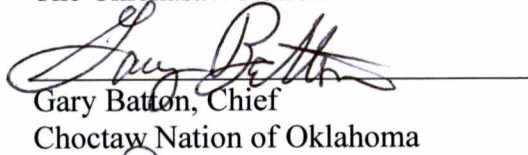
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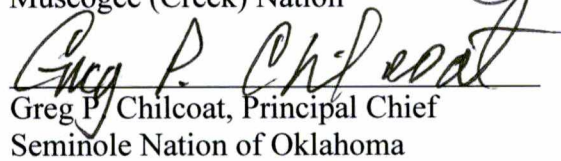
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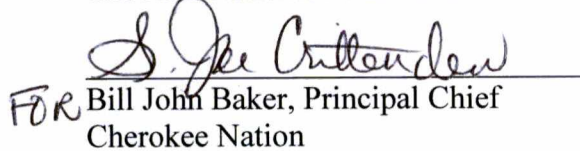
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 12th day of April, 2019, by a vote of 18 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


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


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief
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FOR Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation