

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 2001-13

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF A NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH
CENTER FOR HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**

WHEREAS,

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

The Indian Health Service (IHS) in association with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health, has announced the intent to fund competitive and supplemental grants for Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH), in this and future years,

WHEREAS,

Applications for the NARCH program must be made by federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia with collaborations with academic research centers and universities required, and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognized that improving the health of its citizens can be furthered by improving the ability of tribal systems to compete for grants that enhance our knowledge of well defined chronic and infectious diseases and health conditions that affect members of Oklahoma tribes; by developing and evaluating interventions to reduce health disparities and to enhance the strengths and resiliencies of Native communities and individual; by developing a cadre of American Indian scientists and health professionals that can be competitive for NIH funding; and by increasing the capability of both the Tribal Health Systems and OUHSC to work in partnership to produce competitive grants and specialty health services for the benefit of Oklahoma Indians, and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes also recognizes the value of entering into a more equal partnership with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does hereby support consortium applications for the NARCH program, the consortium to be comprised of its member Nations in partnership with University of Oklahoma Health Sciences

Center (OUHSC). We agree that OUHSC will provide technical support in writing and assembling the consortium application, will assist in coordinating the application process, and will facilitate cooperative agreements with each consortium nation as part of the application. We agree that the ultimate goal of this partnership is to improve the health status of Native Americans through ongoing collaboration, education, research and services delivery.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing No. 2001-13 was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Sulphur, Oklahoma on October 12, 2001, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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