

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**  
*Organized February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1950*

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-17**

**Resolution in Support of Continued Funding of the Low Income  
Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

**WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organizations which unites the tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,** the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is inevitably a target whenever a budget reduction is requested in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS,** the LIHEAP benefits elderly clientele on fixed incomes and well below the national poverty level income guideline; and

**WHEREAS,** major reduction in LIHEAP funding would be devastating to this segment of tribal populations, a segment already faced with a multitude of survival barriers; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the proposed LIHEAP appropriation rescission would not only affect our elderly, ability to purchase home heating fuel, it would have a long lasting rippling affect on many other facets of their lives and we support the combined funding at the current level.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Washington, D.C. on this **7<sup>th</sup>**, day of **April, 1995**, by a vote of **23** for, **0** against, and **0** abstentions.

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(Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for)  
Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

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(Signed by Gregory E. Pyle for)  
Hollis Roberts, Chief  
Choctaw Nation

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Signed by Bill Fife  
Haney  
Bill Fife, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Signed by Jerry  
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation

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Signed by Bill Anoatubby  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
Chickasaw Nation