

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
Resolution No. 95-23**

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

WHEREAS, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is the primary source of nutrition assistance to Indian people by their tribal governments; and,

WHEREAS, FDPIR serves a high percent of tribal elders, and elders are high priority among all native people; and,

WHEREAS, most tribes administer FDPIR in conjunction with health and nutrition education relating directly to chronic diseases identified as being of high incidence among Native Americans, such as diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, FDPIR is most cost effective when operated by tribal governments with established infrastructures and communication mechanisms among tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the House Appropriations Committee, in appropriation language, directs the Department of Agriculture to move this population back to the food stamp program which tribal governments are not authorized to administer;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the diminishing, and/or elimination of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting **in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, held on July 14, 1995** with a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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

Signed by Chief Fife
Bill S. fife, Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

(Signed by John A. Ketcher for)
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief
Cherokee Nation

Signed by Chief Haney
Jerry Haney, Chief
Seminole Nation

(Signed by Bill Anoatubby)
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation