

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL
COUNCIL OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 96-11

Consolidation of Vocational and Adult Education and Job Training Programs
(H.R. 1617/s.143)

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 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

Representative from the National Indian Education Association, the Indian and Native American Employment of Training Coalition, and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium have worked cooperatively to advance Indian concerns in H.R. 1617 and S. 143; and

WHEREAS,

The Senate Bill, S. 143 provides for the continuation of direct funding of vocational and adult education and job training services provided by Indian tribes and organizations; and

WHEREAS,

S. 143 contains an Indian section which includes a statement of purpose, an affirmation of the principles of the Indian Self-Determination Act and other provisions favorable to Indian programs; and

WHEREAS,

The House Bill, F.R. 1617 also provides separate, direct funding for Indian programs, but without the special Indian features of the Senate bill; and

WHEREAS,

Both House and Senate bills would substantially reduce the funding levels for Indian programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports legislation which would continue to provide direct funding for all components for the tribally-controlled delivery system for vocational and adult education and job training services at funding levels adequate to meet the need of all Indian people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Inter-Tribal Council urges the Conference Committee considering this legislation to authorize funding at no less than 1995 levels for Indian programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Inter-Tribal Council asks the conferees to include a clear statement of purpose and policy for the Indian program such as that found in the Senate bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Inter-Tribal Council calls on the Administration, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor to work with tribal leaders, Indian educators and job training programs advocates and all elements of the Indian service delivery system as full partners in the implementation of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Wagoner, Oklahoma on January 12, 1996 by a vote of 25 for, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed for
Hollis Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation