

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

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

NUMBER 96-15

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,

Several federal agencies have adopted an Indian Policy Statement to implement Congressional Indian policies and mandates when administering programs; and

WHEREAS,

The federal agencies that administer Indian education programs lack policy implementation guidance and have rarely promoted federal/tribal partnerships to improve Indian education; and

WHEREAS,

The National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association recognize a need for a comprehensive federal Indian education policy statement and have taken the leading role in the development of a comprehensive federal Indian education policy statement regarding the education of the American Indian and Alaska Natives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports and recommends adoption of a “Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement”, approved by the Inter-Tribal Council Education Sub-Committee.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Canadian, Oklahoma on this 11th day of April, 1996, by a vote of 24 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