

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

NUMBER 98-06

**Commendation of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance**

**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,**

The director of the Indian Health Service/Public Health Service created the Office of Tribal Self-Governance in 1993 to assist interested tribes with the pursuit of self-determination; and

**WHEREAS,**

Ms. Paula Williams assumed the role of director of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance in April 1996, and

**WHEREAS,**

Ms. Williams and her staff in the Office of Tribal Self-Governance have exhibited dedication and commitment to all tribes participating in self-governance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby commends Ms. Paula Williams and the Office of Tribal Self-Governance for their work on behalf of Indian tribes and Indian people throughout the United States.

**CERTIFICATION**

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on April 3, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

J. Garland Eagle Signed for  
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed  
Gregory E. Pyle, 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