

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

NUMBER 98-17

**Resolution for the Support of the Investigation of Rheumatic Disease
in Native American Children**

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,

Rheumatoid arthritis and other chronic inflammatory diseases have been shown to have a high prevalence in Native American people since the earliest times, and

WHEREAS,

Rheumatic diseases of childhood are known to be among the most common chronic disease conditions in children, and

WHEREAS,

It is now becoming obvious that existing knowledge in pediatric rheumatology is not entirely applicable to children of non-European descent, and

WHEREAS,

Little or nothing is known of how rheumatic disease in Native American children differ from those same diseases in Caucasians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma support the efforts of Dr.'s Glenn Solomon, Hal Scofield, and Jim Jarvis to bring new light to the importance of these illnesses in Native American children with arthritis. We support their goal of providing this care in a setting in which the unique social, cultural, and spiritual resources of Native people are respected and used in the healing process.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Fountainhead Lodge, Eufaula, Oklahoma on July 10, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

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