

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

No. 95-05

Request to support waiver of Performance Standard for new Tribal WIC Programs

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which united 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, Tribal Governments administer the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) by the authority of the Health Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Services, uses a Performance Standard of 97% on food expenditures; and

WHEREAS, tribes during the initial two years of the WIC Program could face difficulties in meeting this standard in food expenditures during a period of caseload development; and

WHEREAS, the penalty for not meeting this 97% Performance Standard is up to a 15% reduction of total grant in the subsequent year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal council of the Five Civilized Tribes recommends that new Tribal WIC Programs be granted a two year waiver from the 97% Performance Standard for Food Expenditures.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at Arrowhead Resort, Canadian, OK on this 13th day of January, 1995 by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for)
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief
The Cherokee Nation

(Signed by Governor Anoatubby)
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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(Signed by Chief Fife)
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