A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Resolution No. 95-26

Support for the Full Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act

- **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,** the Older Americans Act celebrates 30 years of funding programs that have effectively reached out to older persons with the greatest social and economic needs, and
- **WHEREAS,** the number of minority older Americans and their corresponding service needs are rising exponentially, and
- **WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes respect the many contributions their elders have made to their nations, and
- **WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes have enjoyed the federal ser aside for tribal governments within the Older Americans Act, Title VI,
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes called upon the Oklahoma congressional delegation to support the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act; appropriate funding at a level that reflects the continued growth of the older population; continue and increase funding for the federal set aside for tribal governments within the Older Americans Act.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, held on July 14, 1995 with a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

<u>(Signed by Gregory Pyle for)</u> Hollis E. Roberts, Chief Choctaw Nation

(Signed by John A. Ketcher for) Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief Cherokee Nation Signed by Chief Fife

Bill S. Fife, Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Signed by Chief Haney_____

Jerry Haney, Chief Seminole Nation

<u>(Signed by Bill Anoatubby)</u> Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation