

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

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

NUMBER 96-08

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 passage of State Question 669 on March 12, 1996 would roll back property taxes to 1993 levels and sharply limit future increases; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal council acknowledges the property tax is the principal revenue source of county government and schools in which 98% of our Indian children receive their education; and

WHEREAS,

Oklahoma ranks 46th nationally on the rate of ad valorem taxation according to the Nation Council of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS,

If SQ 669 is approved by a statewide vote, it would result in a negative impact of approximately \$70 million in lost revenues to local schools, libraries, law enforcement and health facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That opposition to passage of State Question 669 by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes be made known.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Wagoner, Oklahoma on January 12, 1996 by a vote of 25 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