

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

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

NUMBER 96-20

Opposition to the FY 97 House Interior Appropriations eliminating Adult Education, fellowships, teacher training, professional development, research and demonstration grants as well National Advisory Council on Indian Education, hereinafter referred to as discretionary funds from the Department of Education, Office of Indian Education Programs.

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,

Through federal executive treaty rights, established policy and legal precedent, the United States government has acknowledged its trust responsibility to promote the academic education of Indian people; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council opposes the elimination of discretionary funding for the Office of Indian Education within the Department of Education by the House Interior Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS,

This action would eliminate the Office of Indian Education discretionary grant programs such as Adult Education, fellowships, teacher training, professional development, research and demonstration grants as well as the National Advisory Council on Indian Education; and

WHEREAS,

The future of our Indian children are vested within our children's equitable access to all educational service delivery that compliments the effective integration of our tribal ways of living into the educational experience; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the proposed FY 97 Interior Appropriations Budget approved by the House on June 27, 1996 to zero out the discretionary funds from the Department of Education, Office of Indian Education.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Fountain Head Resort, Checotah, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July, 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