

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

NUMBER 97-12

Support for JOM funding level at fiscal year 1995 amount of \$24.3 million

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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is the collective voice of 30,000 JOM students, and their parents/guardians within our respective jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes declares that the academic, mental, social, spiritual and physical well being of our JOM students and parents/guardians are of our highest priority, and

WHEREAS,

Our JOM students will one day be our tribal leaders and must be given maximum opportunity to bring about positive change, and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes contends that the federal budget cuts in Indian Education programs are direct violations of treaty rights and trust responsibility to American Indian Tribes, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the restoration of JOM program funding at the fiscal year 1995 funding level of 24.3 million for fiscal year 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That future annual appropriations be increased by a prescribed formula based on the actual current JOM student count.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes request that President William J. Clinton and the 105th Congress restore JOM funding at the fiscal year 1995 funding level of \$24.3 million for fiscal year 1998 and future funding levels to be determined by a prescribed formula based on the actual current and annual student count.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Canadian, Oklahoma on April 11, 1997, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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