

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

NUMBER 98-01

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 for all Indian 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 American Indian students are of our highest priority; and

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

Then Inter-Tribal Council contends that the federal budget cuts in Indian Education programs are in direct violation of treaty rights and trust responsibility to the American Indian Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports full funding for all Indian Education programs for fiscal year 1999.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does hereby call upon the 105th Congress of the United States and the Clinton Administration to honor the Nation's treaty obligations to act upon and reaffirm their trust responsibility to Indian Nations by taking affirmative measures to **sufficiently fund** Indian education programs, established or to be established, for the benefit of Indian people, including tribal schools, colleges, tribal education departments, scholarship programs and tribal education consortiums.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 1998, by a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, 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