

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

NUMBER 99-07

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BACONE COLLEGE'S  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES IN TRIBAL MANAGEMENT,  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NURSING**

**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 and the member tribes have a long history of supporting education by direct contribution of their resources, indirectly through offering support and encouragement, and through the establishment of their own education systems; and

**WHEREAS,**

The member tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes have need and unique requirements for college degreed individuals to manage their government operations, to provide nursing services, and to exhibit and encourage entrepreneurship with college degrees being offered in a local setting; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognize the need to support a strong internship program placing students in tribes which will provide "hands on" government operations experiences to those enrolled students.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and their member tribes continue their long history of supporting higher education by direct contribution of their resources and indirectly through offering support and encouragement; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in recognition of their need for college degreed individuals to manage their government operations, to provide nursing services and to exhibit and encourage entrepreneurship to increase the dollar volume of Indian commerce and the number of Indian-owned enterprises in Indian Country encourage college degrees being offered at Bacone College and fully support meeting tribal needs through the adoption of this resolution; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes now comes to the aid and support of Bacone College in its efforts to meet the unique requirements of tribes by establishing four (4) year Baccalaureate degrees in Tribal Management, Entrepreneurship and Nursing; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes the need to support a strong internship program by the direct placement of students in tribal government operations which will provide “hands on” experience to those enrolled students; and, the tribes hereby demonstrate their commitment by pledging resources for the placement of interns in their government operations so students may gain valuable “hands on” experience.

**CERTIFICATION**

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting on April 9, 1999, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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