

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

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**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR THE DRUG
ELIMINATION PROGRAM GRANTEES UNDER HUD THROUGH INDIAN
HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND/OR TRIBES TO BE RE-INSTATED**

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 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

Indian people deserve safe, decent and affordable housing. The Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program (IHDEP) provides resources to establish collaborative relationships and increase services over and above what might ordinarily be provided to residents, and

WHEREAS,

The IHDEP effectively coordinates with Federal, Tribal, State and local agencies to increase employment and training opportunities for low-income residents, and thereby reduce/eliminate drug-related crime, and

WHEREAS,

The IHDEP provides numerous drug abuse education activities throughout the Indian communities and schools, such as after-school tutoring, drug abuse prevention, seminars, literacy centers, drop out prevention, and parenting skills which instills and encourages academic awareness, and

WHEREAS,

The cultural survival of every Nation is vital. The IHDEP also encourages cultural preservation and identity with alternative activities to drug usage, such as Tribal heritage classes, traditional art and crafts, dance, storytelling and music appreciation, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma supports any and all efforts put forth to encourage President George W. Bush to re-instate the funding for the Drug Elimination Program, which is proposed to be eliminated within the FY' 2002 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Executive leader of each of the Five Civilized Tribes should contact their Legislators in support of retaining the monies for the Drug Elimination Program.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Fountainhead Resort, Eufaula, Oklahoma on April 19, 2001, by a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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