

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

NUMBER 2001-03

**A RESOLUTION URGING ADOPTION OF FY' 2002 IHS BUDGET TO
INCLUDE \$4.2 BILLION IN NEW FUNDING**

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,

The Indian health system has been persistently under funded and the unmet needs have resulted in poor health status for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS,

The United States treasury has a surplus that is estimated to be \$1.7 trillion; and

WHEREAS,

It is the will of the American people to pay the national debt with this surplus prior to providing tax cuts; and

WHEREAS,

The tribes in Oklahoma receive only \$800 per person per year for health care; and

WHEREAS,

The most recent LNF Study shows that it will take \$1.7 billion to raise the funding for tribes from the current 51 percent of the Level of Need to parity with the federal employee's benefit package; and

WHEREAS,

There are many other unmet needs that are not included in the LNF study including new facilities, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, patient transportation, and other services; and

WHEREAS,

The Senate budget resolution reserves \$4.2 billion in additional funding for the Indian Health Service in fiscal year 2002 and additional funding for the next 10 years to raise the Indian Health Service funding to \$11.45 billion in fiscal year 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma urges Congress and the President to adopt a budget plan to include \$4.2 billion in new funding for the Indian Health Service in fiscal year 2002 and increases in subsequent years as identified in the Indian Health Care Amendment to the FY/02 budget resolution passed by the U.S. Senate on April 6, 2001.

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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