

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



A Resolution Supporting NAHASDA Reauthorization

Resolution No. 13-18



WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes the unique relationship between the Federal Government and the Indian Tribal Governments, that through treaties, statutes, and historical relations with Indian tribes, the United States has undertaken a unique trust responsibility to protect and support Indian tribes and their people; and



WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes, that the need for safe, sanitary and affordable housing is very great in Indian Country, and providing opportunities for sovereign tribal governments to supply Native families with this housing is an essential element of the unique trust responsibility of the Federal Government; and




WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes the significant role that the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) plays in the well-being of Individual Tribal Members and Indian Families; and is the baseline for the Nations to exercise sovereignty in providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for low income natives; and

WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes that the NAHASDA statute must be reauthorized every five years by the Federal Government, and currently must be reauthorized by September 30, 2013 to remain in effect.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to support the reauthorization of NAHASDA, including the updates introduced by the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

CERTIFICATION

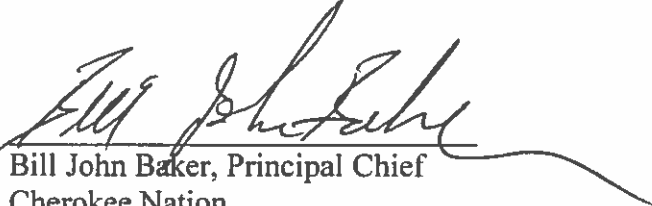
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 8th day of May, 2013, by a vote of All for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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