

*A Resolution in Support of NAFDPIR Letter to USDA FNS, March 14, 2014*

Resolution No. 14-15



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



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Governor



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**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 important role that each of the ITC Tribes play as Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) managers of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) within their respective communities; and,

**WHEREAS,** The ITC supports the list of issues and concerns outlined and identified in the NAFDPIR President's Letter, dated March 14, 2014, addressed to the USDA (i.e., to Under Secretary Kevin Concannon, Deputy Under Secretary Janey Thornton, Administrator Audrey Rowe, and Director Laura Castro) that speaks to value-added upgrades and actions that the USDA Food Nutrition Service Administration can take to improve FDPIR to maximize nutrition network systems and cost efficiencies that ultimately help thousands of households receiving FDPIR program benefits from 275 federally recognized tribes administering FDPIR throughout the nation.

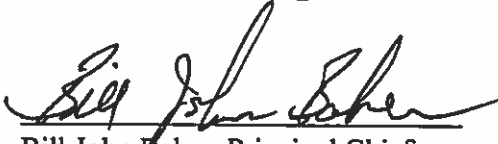
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The ITC supports the NAFDPIR President's Letter, dated March 14, 2014, and calls upon the National Congress of American Indians, and all federally recognized tribes throughout the nation and all Congressional delegations to require that the USDA Food Nutrition Service work with the NAFDPIR Board and its designees to accomplish the recommendations outlined in the NAFDPIR President's Letter dated March 14, 2014; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all of the 275 federally recognized tribes administering FDPIR call upon their tribal councils to pass a similar resolution in favor of the NAFDPIR President's Letter, dated March 14, 2014; and,

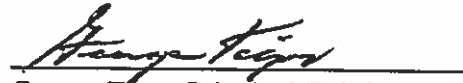
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the recommended changes are to be reviewed annually at the annual NAFDPIR conference, with updated written reports provided annually to NCAI and ITC and the Oklahoma Congressional delegation and Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and completed within five years or by September 30, 2020.

**CERTIFICATION**

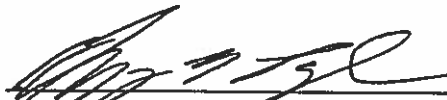
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



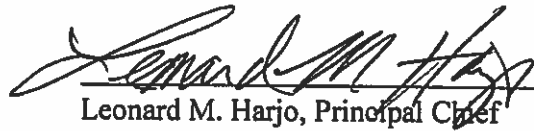
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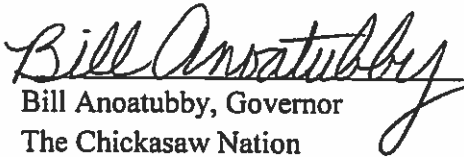
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