

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

### *A Resolution Encouraging the Swift Reauthorization of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act*

#### Resolution No. 15-04



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) expired on September 30, 2013, and is currently operating under an extension; and

**WHEREAS**, NAHASDA allows tribes to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, NAHASDA must be immediately reauthorized; and

**WHEREAS**, a NAHASDA Reauthorization measure should include improvements that would better recognize tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, any such improvements should allow for the consolidation of environmental review requirements in multi-grant funded projects; allow individual tribes to determine maximum rents; allow tribes the discretion to use other funding sources for projects funded under NAHASDA; and

**WHEREAS**, there should not be a limit on the appropriations for NAHASDA programs; that language negotiated and adopted by the NAHASDA Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee regarding undisbursed funds should be included in the bill; that a set aside for Native American veterans under the HUD-VASH program should be included in the bill; that the bill also include reauthorization for the Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program, and should not include any limitation on use of funds for Cherokee Nation, and finally; and

**WHEREAS**, we ask that Congress reauthorize NAHASDA for a minimum of five years from the date of passage.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to act quickly to reauthorize NAHASDA, and to do so in a way that will better recognize tribal sovereignty and self-determination.


**CERTIFICATION**

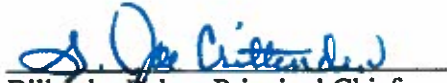
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.

  
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*For*   
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