

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



A Resolution Supporting Clarifying Language for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program in the Reauthorization of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act

Resolution No. 15-20



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, federal transportation funding is crucial to the development of roads, bridges, and transit programs within the jurisdiction of the Five Civilized Tribes, and,



WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act provides necessary funding for both roadway and transit allocations for the Five Civilized Tribes, and,



WHEREAS, the MAP-21 Act was extended by Congress through July 31, 2015 under a short-term extension; and

WHEREAS, the ITC reaffirms Resolution No. 15-06, which urged a long-term reauthorization of MAP-21 with increases in Tribal Transportation Program funding; retention of the Tribal Transportation Program funding formula enacted by MAP-21; an increase in Public Transportation on Indian Reservation funding; and clarifying language in the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program to specify tribal apportionments when multiple tribes exist in a single Census Designated Statistical Area.

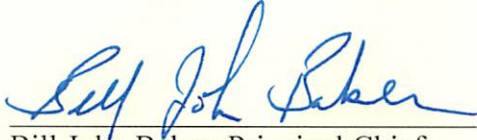
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to pass a long-term reauthorization of MAP-21 that includes the following clarifying language developed in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration:

“In the event more than one tribe provides public transportation service in a Tribal Statistical Area and the tribes cannot agree on how to allocate the funds apportioned under paragraph (iii) between them, the Secretary shall apportion the funds to the tribes so that each Indian tribe providing public transportation service in the Tribal Statistical Area shall receive an amount equal to the total amount apportioned under the paragraph (iii) multiplied by the ratio that the number of annual unlinked passenger trips provided by each tribe as reported to the National Transit Database

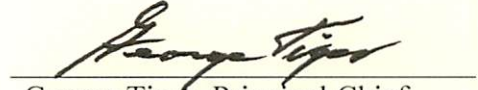
bears to the total unlinked passenger trips provided by all the tribes in the Tribal Statistical Area.”

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma on this 10th day of July, 2015, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma



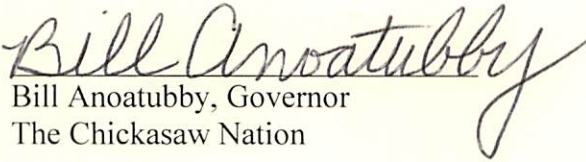
George Tiger, Principal Chief
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Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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The Chickasaw Nation