

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Opposing Elimination of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Housing Improvement Program in the President FY19 Budget Request*

### Resolution No. 18-07



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Batton  
Chief



James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief



Greg P. Chilcoat  
Chief

**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 approximately 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the five Tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council are dedicated to providing Indian and Native American citizens quality services designed to address their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide funding for home repair, renovation, replacement and new housing grants to eligible applicants who have no immediate resource for standard housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the HIP program, established in 1962, is not duplicative of any other federal program given that it serves the neediest of the needy who have substandard housing or no housing at all; and

**WHEREAS**, the BIA recently expanded the HIP program to provide down payment assistance, which leverages modest federal investment with private or other public mortgage lending; and

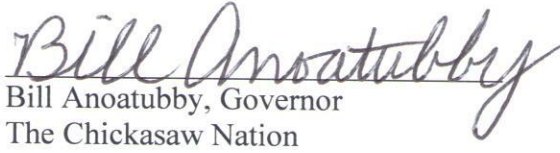
**WHEREAS**, the President's FY19 budget request seeks to eliminate HIP despite the continuing high levels of unmet housing needs in Indian country.

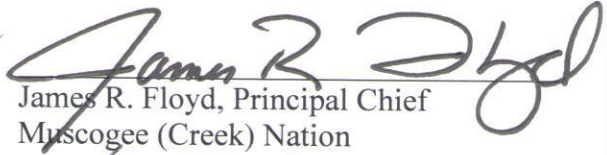
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the President's FY19 budget request to eliminate the Bureau of Indian Affairs' HIP program; and

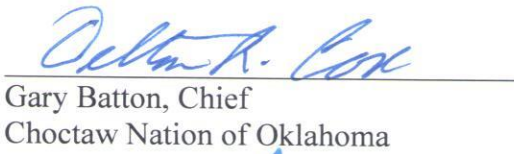
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes fully supports the continued funding of the HIP program at its current level of \$23 million.

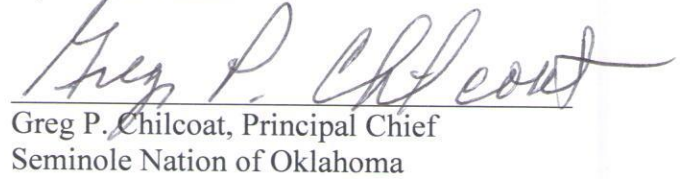
**CERTIFICATION**

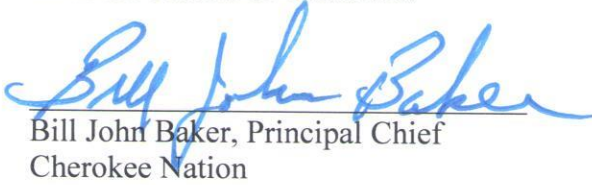
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
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