

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Opposing Funding Cuts to Indian Housing Programs in the President's FY 2020 Budget Request

Resolution No. 19-16



BILL JOHN BAKER
PRINCIPAL 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 more than 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



BILL ANOATUBBY
GOVERNOR

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



GARY BATTON
CHIEF

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) includes vital native housing programs, such as the Indian Housing Block Grant and Indian Housing Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program, which are tremendously effective in supporting homeownership and sustainable housing in Indian communities throughout the United States; and



JAMES R. FLOYD
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

WHEREAS, the FY2020 budget request proposes \$600 million for the Native American Housing Block Grants, which is \$155 million below prior year funding, and would eliminate the Indian Community Development Block Grant and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program and would reduce overall funding for housing development; and



GREG P. CHILCOAT
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

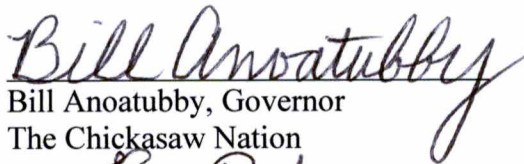
WHEREAS, Indian housing programs administered by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of the Interior (DOI) have significantly improved the administration of housing programs in Indian Country, and there is a pressing need for further improvements and increased funding to fully address the dire housing needs that persist and impact countless families across Indian country.

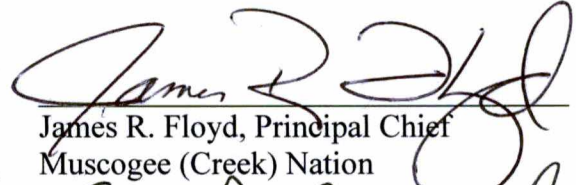
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Congress to fully fund tribal housing programs administered by HUD and DOI and reject funding reductions to these important programs as proposed in the President's FY2020 budget request.

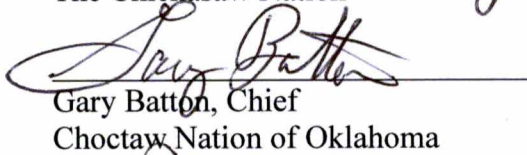
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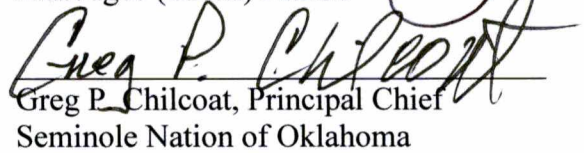
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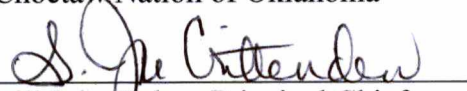
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this day of April 12th, 2019, by a vote of 18 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


FOR Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation