

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Urging the Indian Health Service to Continue Funding Housing Projects

Resolution No. 24-06



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Principal Chief



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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 Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government of the United States has a unique and special relationship with First Americans to provide health care as established through the U.S. Constitution, Treaties with Indian Tribes, U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and Federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, although the trust relationship requires the Federal government to provide for the health and welfare of tribal nations, the Federal government has continued to underfund the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, a funding decrease of \$72.5 million was appropriated in the FY 2024 appropriations to the Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Support line item; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service indicated that it was considering not funding Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) housing projects in 2024; and

WHEREAS, if SFC housing projects are not funded, then the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes would realize a decrease of several million dollars for each of our tribal SFC programs, causing undo hardships to many of our tribal citizens. These funds are meant to be used through the Oklahoma City Area to fund "scattered site" housing projects which serve individual First American homes by furnishing community water taps, water wells, and/or on-site sewage treatment systems.

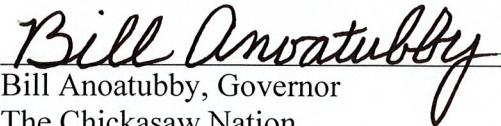
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes requests Indian Health Service continue funding SFC housing projects, which are vital for the health and well-being of our tribal citizens.

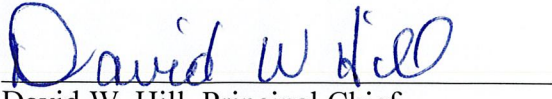
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Indian Health Service to engage tribes through tribal consultation on this important decision affecting tribes.

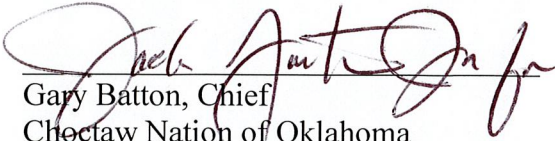
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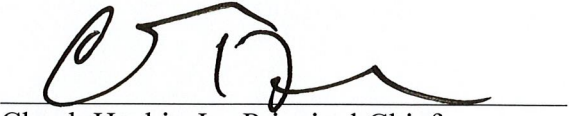
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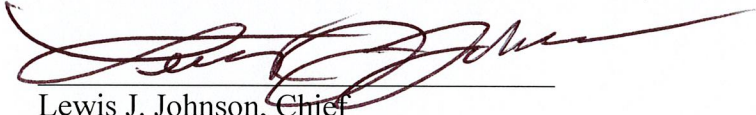
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 19th day of April, 2024, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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