

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Network (Native CDFI Network) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Award

Resolution No. 25-09



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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 United States Congress mandated the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund study the lending and investment practices in Native communities, which led to creation of Native initiatives within the CDFI Fund; and

WHEREAS, Native CDFIs play a critical role in empowering Native communities across the U.S. by providing access for small businesses and consumers to capital, financial services and technical assistance by stabilizing and expanding small businesses, creating jobs, and providing financing options that are otherwise scarce in these underserved, and often rural, areas; and

WHEREAS, Native CDFIs have provided \$221 million in funding, generating more than \$1.6 billion in loans and investments, but they still face unique challenges that limit their ability to fully meet the growing demand for their services, such as insufficient lending and operating capital, geographic isolation, and systemic underinvestment that has left Native communities with fewer financial resources and limited access to mainstream financing; and

WHEREAS, the Native CDFI Network (NCN) was created to support Native CDFIs and received a \$400 million award notice from the Congressionally authorized U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's Clean Communities Investment Accelerator (CCIA) in April 2024, which would provide subgrants to 63 U.S. Treasury certified CDFIs across the country to fund renewable energy, energy-efficient upgrades, and sustainability projects that will enhance well-being and self-sufficiency for Native people, as well as create employment opportunities in rural Native communities; and

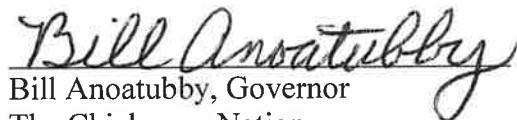
WHEREAS, despite uncertain funding for the Native CDFI Fund and a pause to the CCIA programs under scrutiny, the NCN and its member Native CDFIs stand ready to provide crucial capital investments and bring diversified energy opportunities and solutions to our communities; and

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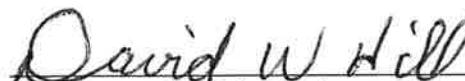
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly urges the Administration and Congress to stand in support of the Native CDFI Fund and lawfully executed grant agreements for the NCN pursuant to the EPA CCIA award to carry on the important work of Native CDFIs and the projects intended for energy diversification and independence in Indian Country.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 11 day of July, 2025, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



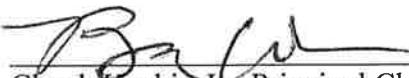
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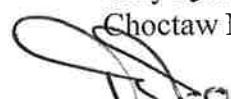
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