

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Urging the Trump Administration and the Department of the Interior to Maximize the Use of the 477 Program*

### Resolution No. 25-20



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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 877,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress established the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 1992, Public Law 102-477 ("477 Program"), later strengthened and made permanent in 2017, to allow Tribal Nations to consolidate federal employment, training, and related services funds into a single plan, streamlining administration and maximizing outcomes for Tribal citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the 477 Program has become a proven tool for advancing Tribal self-determination and sovereignty, enabling Tribal governments to design and deliver workforce and related services tailored to the unique needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 477 Program aligns with the Trump Administration's priorities of reducing federal bureaucracy, empowering local control, increasing efficiency, and strengthening self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, a broad and inclusive understanding of "workforce development" -- encompassing employment, training, childcare, education, and related services that prepare citizens for opportunity and strengthen families -- is consistent with the Administration's vision for efficiency, accountability, and self-reliance; and

**WHEREAS**, maximizing the use of the 477 Program will promote both efficiency in government operations and greater opportunity in Indian Country, thereby advancing the shared goals of Tribal Nations and the federal government;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes respectfully urges the Trump Administration prioritize and maximize use of the 477 Program for all applicable federal Departments and Agencies, including but not limited to the Departments of the Interior, Health and Human Services,

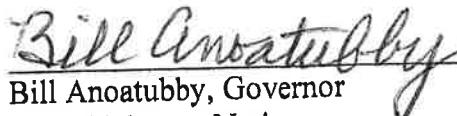
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and Agriculture, ensuring that the law's full potential is realized to strengthen Tribal sovereignty, advance efficiency, and empower local solutions; and

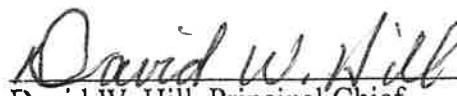
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls upon the Administration to direct all relevant federal agencies to fully embrace the intent of the 477 statute and to work in partnership with Tribal Nations to expand its implementation as a model of efficiency and self-determination.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 10 day of October, 2025, by a vote of 34 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation



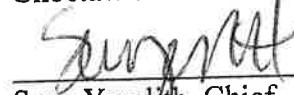
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