The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Encouraging the Swift Reauthorization of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act

Resolution No. 15-04

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 over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) expired on September 30, 2013, and is currently operating under an extension; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA allows tribes to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for tribal members; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA must be immediately reauthorized; and

WHEREAS, a NAHASDA Reauthorization measure should include improvements that would better recognize tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, any such improvements should allow for the consolidation of environmental review requirements in multi-grant funded projects; allow individual tribes to determine maximum rents; allow tribes the discretion to use other funding sources for projects funded under NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, there should not be a limit on the appropriations for NAHASDA programs; that language negotiated and adopted by the NAHASDA Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee regarding undisbursed funds should be included in the bill; that a set aside for Native American veterans under the HUD-VASH program should be included in the bill; that the bill also include reauthorization for the Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program, and should not include any limitation on use of funds for Cherokee Nation, and finally; and

WHEREAS, we ask that Congress reauthorize NAHASDA for a minimum of five years from the date of passage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to act quickly to reauthorize NAHASDA, and to do so in a way that will better recognize tribal sovereignty and self-determination.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January 2015, by a vote of 11 for, none against and 2 abstentions.

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