The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Regarding the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA)

Resolution No.15-28

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 (NAHASDA), a bill that allows tribes to provide tribal members with critical housing services, is up for Reauthorization in this session of Congress; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA reauthorization passed the US House of Representatives as H.R. 360; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate is currently considering S. 710 in Committees; and,

WHEREAS, both the Senate and House are considering appropriations bills; and,

WHEREAS, ITC asks that any changes to the NAHASDA funding formula, including any limitations on funding, are only changed through government to government negotiations with tribes; and,

WHEREAS, any language regarding undisbursed funds should reflect the language adopted by the current Negotiated Rulemaking Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we urge the Senate to move with appropriate deliberative speed in reauthorizing NAHASDA and to uphold high standards of government to government negotiations as potential funding changes are considered.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma on this 10th day of July, 2015, by a vote of ___ for, ___ against and ___ abstentions.
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma