

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Opposing the Elimination of the Indian and Native American Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funding in the President's FY 2020 Budget*

### Resolution No. 19-12



**BILL JOHN BAKER**  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

**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 approximately 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



**BILL ANOATUBBY**  
GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS,** the five tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council have been administering Department of Labor Employment and Training Programs for over four decades; and

**WHEREAS,** the Native American population has the highest unemployment and lowest educational rates of any United States population; and

**WHEREAS,** in FY2018, the five tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council received a total of \$4,286,398 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the Department of Labor; and



**GARY BATTON**  
CHIEF

**WHEREAS,** these funds are necessary to provide Native Americans within our service areas the skills needed to obtain and retain good employment with self-sustaining wages and benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** these funds provide needed services to thousands of Native Americans, both youth and adult; and



**JAMES R. FLOYD**  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

**WHEREAS,** the President's proposed budget would eliminate the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Indian and Native American Programs; and

**WHEREAS,** the President's proposed budget would provide a 1.5% set aside to the states for Indian and Native American adults and eliminate funding for Indian and Native American youth; and



**GREG P. CHILCOAT**  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

**WHEREAS,** the information upon which this decision is based is seriously flawed, stating tribal programs are "unproven, having never been rigorously evaluated" and demonstrates not only a serious lack of familiarity with tribes and Native Communities, but also ignorance of the immense effort put forth and difference made in native lives and communities by these programs.

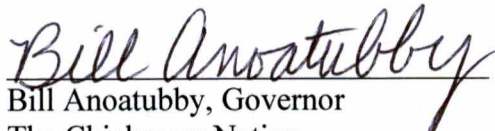
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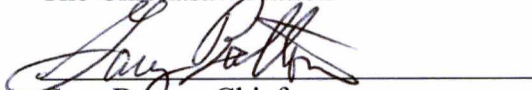
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the elimination of Indian and Native American WIOA funding as presented in the President's proposed FY2020 budget.

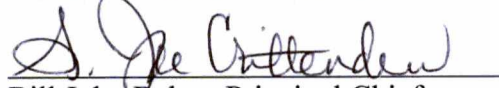
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to reject the President's FY2020 and fund WIOA at a level not less than \$55 million dollars.

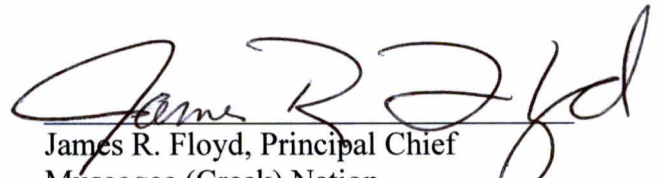
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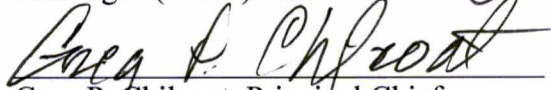
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by a vote of 18 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

  
Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

  
James R. Floyd, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma