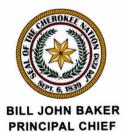
The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED **TRIBES**

A Resolution Opposing the Proposed FY2020 Budget Reductions for the Bureau of Indian Education

Resolution No. 19-13



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



WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to five Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools, including four that reside in the jurisdiction of ITC tribes; and



WHEREAS, the FY2020 Federal Budget request eliminates funding in the BIE budget for Replacement School Construction, Replacement Facility Construction and Repair and Employee Housing costs; and

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WHEREAS, there is currently a backlog of BIE schools in desperate need of facility repairs, improvements and new construction; and



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WHEREAS, some of these facilities, including those in our jurisdiction, are aging, insufficient and generally unable to accommodate the current number of students and exposes them to safety hazards raging from inadequate plumbing to vulnerable security systems that places our students at risk; and



WHEREAS, the FY2020 Federal Budget request also reduces funding for Scholarships and Adult Education, Special Education Scholarships and Science Post Graduate Scholarships; and

JAMES R. FLOYD PRINCIPAL CHIEF

WHEREAS, reducing funding for these programs hinders the progress our tribes have made in improving educational and employment opportunities for our citizens.



NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the proposed funding reductions to the Bureau of Indian Education as outlined in the FY2020 budget request and urges the United States Congress to fund these programs, at minimum, to the current level.

GREG P. CHILCOAT PRINCIPAL CHIEF

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the ITC urges Congress to explore creative options to address the BIE school construction backlog, such as, adopting a Joint Venture program or similar program to address these critical needs.

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

CERTIFICATION

	the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized a on this 12 th day of April, 2019, by a vote of stentions.
Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation Gary Batton, 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