The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the President’s Indian Health Service
FY 2022 Budget request

Resolution No. 21-26

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Muscogee (Creek), representing approximately 780,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Area IHS serves the highest number of active patients in the Indian health system and has the lowest funding level per patient among the IHS Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Inter Tribal Council of the Five Tribes fully supports the FY 2022 President’s Budget Request for Indian Health Service (IHS); and

WHEREAS, United States President Joseph Biden has requested an appropriations increase of $2.2 billion, including a $245 million increase for the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund to address some of this long-standing inequity in Indian health; and

WHEREAS, the President’s budget also includes requests to move Contract Support Costs and 105(1) Leases from discretionary appropriations to mandatory appropriations beginning in 2023 and to authorize Advanced Appropriations for the IHS beginning in 2023.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports President Biden IHS FY 2022 budget request.

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 July, 2021, by a vote of 18 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

David W. Hill, Governor
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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