

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting President Biden's FY 2024 Proposal for Mandatory Appropriations for Contract Support Costs and Section 105(l) Tribal Lease Payments

Resolution No. 23-16



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
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 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the Federal government of the United States has a unique and special responsibility to provide health care to Native Americans as established through the U.S. Constitution, Treaties with Indian Tribes, U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and Federal legislation; and



Gary Bolton
Chief

WHEREAS, the President's fiscal year 2024 (FY24) budget proposal takes an important step towards fulfilling that responsibility by reclassifying Contract Support Costs (CSC) and Section 105(l) Tribal Lease Payments as mandatory appropriations and to increasing program administration staff; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Congressional Record shows that appropriations leaders recognize that the mandatory nature of CSC obligations and 105(l) tribal lease payments create an entitlement to compensation that does not fit the model of programs typically funded through discretionary appropriations, and as tribal participation in ISDEAA programs has increased rapidly, the impact of this discrepancy continues to grow, putting other equally important tribal programs at risk; and



Lewis J. Johnson
Chief

WHEREAS, immediately moving these two accounts to mandatory is good risk management for the United States, because the amount is already mandatory in nature and there is a mechanism for controlling costs, as amounts are determined through sophisticated negotiations and calculations between parties; and

WHEREAS, reallocating base funding for these programs from discretionary to mandatory funding has a net zero impact on the Federal budget and would not undermine Appropriations Committee oversight of mandatory appropriations in the Interior bill;

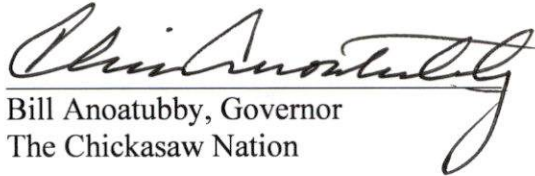
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on Congress to make progress towards meeting the federal government's trust and treaty obligations by including the President's fiscal year 2024

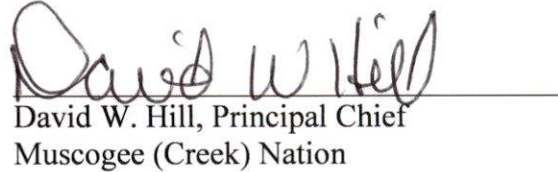
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budget proposal by reclassifying Contract Support Costs and Section 105(l) Tribal Lease payments in the fiscal year 2024 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill.

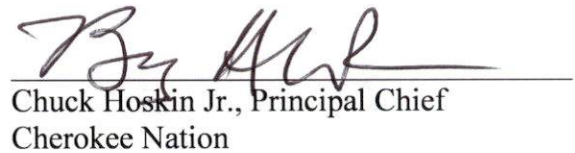
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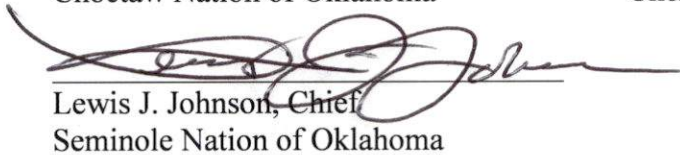
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 14th day of July, 2023, by a vote of 26 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma