RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
No. 95-03

Request for a Field Hearing to Provide a Forum for discussion on the Reauthorization
Of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which united the tribal
governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee Nations,
representing over 300,000 tribal members throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nationally over one hundred and twenty thousand Native Americans utilize the Food Distribution
Program as their primary source of food; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Bill, which sets funding and regulations for food distribution and other federal aid programs is
up for reauthorization in early 1995, an decisions about welfare reform made at the federal level in the
next few months will have long-lasting impact on tribal programs; and

WHEREAS, a field hearing would provide a forum to discuss the Food Distribution Program design with input from
the Department of Agriculture, the Food Distribution Program administrators, and staff, tribal leaders,
and tribal members who rely on the program

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to approve and
support a field hearing in Oklahoma to address concerns regarding the Food Distribution program.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at Arrowhead Resort, Canadian, OK on
this 13th day of January, 1995 by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for) (Signed by Governor Anoatubby)
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Cherokee Nation The Chickasaw Nation

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(Signed by Chief Fife)
Bill S. Fife, Chief
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