RESOLUTION NO. 95-17

Resolution in Support of Continued Funding of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organizations which unites the tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is inevitably a target whenever a budget reduction is requested in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the LIHEAP benefits elderly clientele on fixed incomes and well below the national poverty level income guideline; and

WHEREAS, major reduction in LIHEAP funding would be devastating to this segment of tribal populations, a segment already faced with a multitude of survival barriers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the proposed LIHEAP appropriation rescission would not only affect our elderly, ability to purchase home heating fuel, it would have a long lasting rippling affect on many other facets of their lives and we support the combined funding at the current level.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Washington, D.C. on this 7th, day of April, 1995, by a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

(Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for) Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

(Signed by Gregory E. Pyle for) Hollis Roberts, Chief Choctaw Nation

Signed by Bill Fife Bill Fife, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Signed by Bill Anoatubby Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation

Signed by Jerry Haney Jerry Haney, Principal Chief Seminole Nation