Resolution No. 95-20

Resolution in Support of Opposing the Elimination of FY ’96 Funding for Bilingual Education Programs

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization 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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes the need for Bilingual Education Programs for all Limited English Proficient Indian people; and

WHEREAS, that the Federal Government has a special and continuing obligation to assist in providing equal educational opportunity to Limited English Proficient children; and

WHEREAS, that the Federal Government has special and continuing obligation to assist language minority students to acquire the English Language Proficiency that will enable them to become full and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, there is a serious shortage of teachers and educational personnel who are professionally trained and qualified to serve children of limited English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the rescission bill currently before the House of Representatives calls for the elimination of funding for Bilingual Education Programs

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the opposition to the elimination of funding for Bilingual Education Programs

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 Wilma P. Mankiller
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Signed by Hollis Roberts
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Signed by Bill Fife
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