The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
Organized February 3rd, 1980

Opposing the Elimination of FY 96 Funding for Dropout Prevention 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 recognizes the need for Dropout Demonstration Programs to serve special educational and culturally related academic needs of Indian-controlled elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the Dropout Prevention Programs are established to prevent school dropouts and reduce absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the Dropout Prevention Program has indicated success with relevant performance indicators for the student; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a special and continuing obligation to provide Dropout Prevention program to serve Indian Children; and

WHEREAS, the rescission bill currently before the House of Representatives calls for the elimination of funding for the Dropout Prevention Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the opposition by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to the elimination of funding for the Dropout Prevention Program be made known.

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 Governor Bill Anoatubby)___
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation

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

__(Signed by Jerry Haney)___
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

__(Signed by Hollis Roberts)___
Hollis Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation