The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
Resolution No. 95-23

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 tribal members throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is the primary source of nutrition assistance to Indian people by their tribal governments; and,

WHEREAS, FDPIR serves a high percent of tribal elders, and elders are high priority among all native people; and,

WHEREAS, most tribes administer FDPIR in conjunction with health and nutrition education relating directly to chronic diseases identified as being of high incidence among Native Americans, such as diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, FDPIR is most cost effective when operated by tribal governments with established infrastructures and communication mechanisms among tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the House Appropriations Committee, in appropriation language, directs the Department of Agriculture to move this population back to the food stamp program which tribal governments are not authorized to administer;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the diminishing, and/or elimination of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

CERTIFICATION
Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, held on July 14, 1995 with a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

(Signed by Gregory Pyle for)  ________________________  (Signed by Chief Fife)
Hollis E. Roberts, Chief  Bill S. fife, Chief
Choctaw Nation  Muscogee (Creek) Nation

(Signed by John A. Ketcher for)  ________________________  (Signed by Chief Haney)
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief  Jerry Haney, Chief
Cherokee Nation  Seminole Nation

(Signed by Bill Anoatubby)
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation