A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Resolution No. 95-39

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.R. 1488 AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

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

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act provides crucial protections for Indian children, their families, and tribes;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments stated in H.R. 1488 would strip a significant number of Indian children and their families from the protection that are provided for under the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, one of the most basic elements of tribal sovereignty, the tribal right to determine membership, would be greatly diminished.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma are adamantly opposed to the proposed changes in the Indian Child Welfare Act as outlined in H.R. 1488.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting held at the Creek Council House in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, July 14, 1995, by a vote of: 25 for, 0 Against, 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