RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD CONCERNING MEDICAID REFORM IN THE SENATE FINANCE AND SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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, current House language in proposed Medicaid reform legislation is exclusionary to smaller tribes; and

WHEREAS, house language specifically includes provisions for enactment of 1115b waiver; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reconciliation recommendation, as offered by the National Indian Health Board, allows inclusiveness of IHS/tribally operated and urban health facilities, regardless of size or ownership; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council supports the language set forth by the National Indian Health Board and approved by the Area Indian Health Board, and request this language be included in any bill under consideration by the Senate Finance or Senate Budge Committee.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at Sulphur, Oklahoma on October 13, 1995, by a vote of 28 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Signed by Garland Eagle for
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Signed by Gregory E. Pyle for
Hollis Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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

Signed by Jerry Haney
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

Signed by Bill Anoatubby
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation