The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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

NUMBER 96-11

Consolidation of Vocational and Adult Education and Job Training Programs
(H.R. 1617/s.143)

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

WHEREAS,
Representative from the National Indian Education Association, the Indian and
Native American Employment of Training Coalition, and the American Indian
Higher Education Consortium have worked cooperatively to advance Indian
concerns in H.R. 1617 and S. 143; and

WHEREAS,
The Senate Bill, S. 143 provides for the continuation of direct funding of
vocational and adult education and job training services provided by Indian tribes
and organizations; and

WHEREAS,
S. 143 contains an Indian section which includes a statement of purpose, an
affirmation of the principles of the Indian Self-Determination Act and other
provisions favorable to Indian programs; and

WHEREAS,
The House Bill, F.R. 1617 also provides separate, direct funding for Indian
programs, but without the special Indian features of the Senate bill; and

WHEREAS,
Both House and Senate bills would substantially reduce the funding levels for
Indian programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports legislation
which would continue to provide direct funding for all components of the tribally-
controlled delivery system for vocational and adult education and job training services at
funding levels adequate to meet the need of all Indian people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
That the Inter-Tribal Council urges the Conference Committee considering this
legislation to authorize funding at no less than 1995 levels for Indian programs;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
That the Inter-Tribal Council asks the conferees to include a clear statement of purpose and policy for the Indian program such as that found in the Senate bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
That the Inter-Tribal Council calls on the Administration, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor to work with tribal leaders, Indian educators and job training programs advocates and all elements of the Indian service delivery system as full partners in the implementation of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Wagoner, Oklahoma on January 12, 1996 by a vote of 25 for, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed Greg E. Pyle Signed for
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief Hollis Roberts, Chief
Cherokee Nation Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed Jerry Haney Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation