The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

NUMBER 98-04

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,
The Title XXI “Special Children’s Health Insurance Program” authorized under
Oklahoma Senate Bill 639 became effective December 1, 1997, expanding health
care coverage to 220,000 additional Oklahoma children and 8,000 additional
pregnant women;

WHEREAS,
The Oklahoma Senate is attempting to repeal SB 639 and enter into contracts with
Health Maintenance Organizations to manage Title XXI funds statewide;

WHEREAS,
Administration of Title XXI funds separately from Title XIX funds would be
detrimental to the health of Oklahoma women and children,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized oppose repeal of SB 639 and
support the joint administration of Title XIX and Title XXI funds by the
Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

CERTIFICATION
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized
Tribes meeting held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on January 9, 1998, by a vote of 23 for, 0
against, and 0 abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation