

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**  
*Organized February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1980*

**Opposing the Elimination of FY 96 Funding for Dropout  
Prevention Programs**

**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 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes the need for Dropout Demonstration Programs to serve special educational and culturally related academic needs of Indian-controlled elementary and secondary schools; and

**WHEREAS,** the Dropout Prevention Programs are established to prevent school dropouts and reduce absenteeism; and

**WHEREAS,** the Dropout Prevention Program has indicated success with relevant performance indicators for the student; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Government has a special and continuing obligation to provide Dropout Prevention program to serve Indian Children; and

**WHEREAS,** the rescission bill currently before the House of Representatives calls for the elimination of funding for the Dropout Prevention Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the opposition by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to the elimination of funding for the Dropout Prevention Program be made known.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Washington, D.C. on this **7<sup>th</sup>**, day of **April, 1995**, by a vote of **23** for, **0** against, and **0** abstentions.

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(Signed by Mary Flute-Cooksey for)  
Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

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Signed by Governor Bill Anoatubby  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
Chickasaw Nation

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

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Signed by Jerry Haney  
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation

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Signed by Hollis Roberts  
Hollis Roberts, Chief  
Choctaw Nation