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

Resolution No. 95-35

A Resolution opposing the budget cuts of the Department of Health and Human Services/Head Start Program

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes o Oklahoma 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 recognized the need for Head Start, a comprehensive Child Development Program, providing services to approximately 14,000 American Indian and Alaska Native children in 25 states – with 14% residing in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start Program was established to provide services to socially disadvantaged children and families, recognizing the unique special and culturally related needs of the Indian families; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's twelve (12) Head Start grantees as well as national discretionary grants would lose approximately $200 million; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in funding would prohibit the measure of quality in services to children and families; and

WHEREAS, the rescission bill currently before the Senate Subcommittee on House Labor/Health and Human Services/Education appropriations calls for the decrease in funding for the Head Start Programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the opposition of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Civilized Tribes of the Oklahoma to the decrease of funding for the Head Start Programs be made known.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting held in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, July 14, 1995, by a vote of : _25_ for, __0__against, _0_ Abstentions.

_____(Signed by Gregory Pyle for)__
Hollis E. Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation

_____Signed by Chief Fife_____
Bill S. Fife, Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

____(Signed by John A. Ketcher for)__
Wilma P. Mankiller, Chief
Cherokee Nation

____Signed by Chief Haney_____
Jerry Haney, Chief
Seminole Nation

___(Signed by Bill Anoatubby)_____
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation