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

Resolution No. 95-36

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONS OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes the need for Title IX of P.L. 103-382, Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to continue to provide formula and discretionary grant funds to 427,000 American Indian and Alaska Native students in 42 states; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Indian Education-Title IX was established to allow parental participation in developing programs that meet the unique special and culturally related academic needs of Indian students in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's 327 Title IX grantees as well as special discretionary grants would lose approximately $19 million; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the Office of Indian Education Programs would prohibit Indian students from achieving the same academic standards as other students; and

WHEREAS, the rescission bill currently before the Senate Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations calls for the elimination of funding for the Office of Indian Education Programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE, IT RESOLVED THAT the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly opposes the elimination of funding for the Office of Indian Education and strongly urges a restoration funding by Congress for these important programs.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in a meeting held at the Creek Council House 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