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

Resolution No. 95-39

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.R. 1488 AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

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

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act provides crucial protections for Indian children, their families, and tribes;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments stated in H.R. 1488 would strip a significant number of Indian children and their families from the protection that are provided for under the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, one of the most basic elements of tribal sovereignty, the tribal right to determine membership, would be greatly diminished.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma are adamantly opposed to the proposed changes in the Indian Child Welfare Act as outlined in H.R. 1488.

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