

**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