

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 98-22

A Resolution to Support the Indian Reservation Roads Program Transportation Planning Procedures and Guidelines Document of April, 1998 and Requesting the Utilization of this Document in the Negotiated Rulemaking Process Required by the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century

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 Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma are responsible for providing for the health, education and general welfare of their respective constituencies; and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council is aware that a Tribal/Federal Workgroup has completed the Indian Reservation Roads Program Transportation Planning Procedures and Guidelines as of April 1998; and

WHEREAS,

This document has been developed with extensive Tribal and Federal input, including that of the Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which was not inconsistent with a negotiated rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS,

Since that time, the Inter-Tribal Council has been informed that the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) has been passed by the U.S. Congress and requires a negotiated rulemaking process for development of Transportation Planning Procedures; and,

WHEREAS,

The negotiated rulemaking committee to be formed pursuant to TEA-21, Section 1115 would greatly benefit from the work accomplished by date by a diverse group of Tribal and Federal representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma hereby supports the Indian Reservation Roads Program Transportation Planning Procedures and Guidelines developed by the Tribal/Federal Workgroup dated April, 1998, and requests the Secretary of Transportation as well as the Secretary of the Interior to utilize this document for approval of such Procedures and Guidelines in the negotiated rulemaking process.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Checotah, Oklahoma on July 10, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

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