UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC

RESOLUTION NO. USET 19-69

Whereas, the Miccosukee Indians of Florida have for more than a century hunted and fished over the area of the proposed Everglades jetport, and have reservation land in the vicinity of the proposed jetport, and

Whereas, the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., sympathize with the concern of the Miccosukee Indians that the proposed jetport and related commercial development will destroy the privacy, means of livelihood and traditional way of living of the Miccosukee Indians, threaten their health and safety through air and water pollution, and eliminate the animal life and natural habitat with which and from which the Miccosukee Indians have subsisted for so many years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., petition the President of the United States on behalf of the Miccosukee Indians, that the United States shall in the proper discharge of its responsibility toward the Miccosukees:

- 1. halt construction of the Everglades jetport until a comprehensive study has been made of the effects which it may have on the ecology of the area, especially in relation to the Miccosukee Indian people, and
- 2. if a determination is made that the jetport can be constructed with due regard for the interests of the Miccosukees, insure, by careful planning, the protection of the reservation lands of the Miccosukees, and their right to continue their traditional way of life in privacy, and make adequate provision to prepare the Miccosukees for any change which will be forced upon them because of their proximity to the jetport.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify, That at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held at Philadelphia, Mississippi, Pearl River Community, on the 13th day of August, 1969, the above resolution was duly adopted:

ATTEST:

Chairman - Inter-Tribal Council UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC. Secretary - Vnter - Tribal Council
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