

TO: PETITION FOR THE RETURN OF EXCESS FEDERAL PROPERTY TO
INDIAN TRIBES

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. USET 25-69

Whereas, Tribal lands are becoming increasingly valuable in the development of Indian people, and,

Whereas, many locations on Indian Reservations have been selected for use by the Federal Government because they are accessible and,

Whereas, the function of the Federal Government (BIA) over the years has changed to the point that some lands are not critical to the needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

Whereas, this land has been developed in varying degrees by the Federal Government and could be readily adopted to the needs of Tribal government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the United Southeastern Tribes consisting of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Choctaws of Mississippi, and the Miccosukee and Seminole Tribes of Florida, that this resolution serve as a petition to the Secretary of the Interior to immediately begin an inventory of all properties owned or controlled by the federal government; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any property which is declared excess to the needs of the Federal Government be immediately returned by the Secretary of the Interior or that further petition be made to the Congress to return such lands to the Tribes for their use and development.

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 Danker's Motel-Inn, Miami, Florida, in the 19th day of November 1969, the above resolution was duly adopted:

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

Chairman - Inter-Tribal Council
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