

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO: 75 - 19

RE: INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT BILL

WHEREAS: There are serious unmet health care needs of members of the Southeastern Indian Tribes as well as members of other federally-recognized Tribes throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: USET, Inc. member Tribes were encouraged by the passage of Senate Bill 2938 in the 93rd Congress and by Senate Bill 522 in the 94th Congress; and

WHEREAS: USET, Inc. considers the Indian Health Care Improvement Bill, substantially as reflected in Senate Bill 522, but with a change in the definition of Indian and with the addition of certain provisions dealing with mental health and alcoholism, as an urgent and immediate need; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that USET, Inc. goes on record as endorsing Senate Bill 522, with the addition of certain provisions relating to mental health and alcoholism, and with a change in the definition of Indian; and

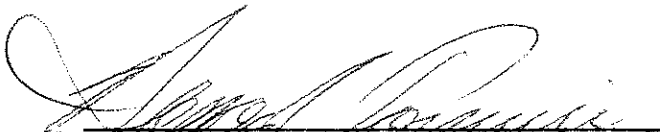
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that USET, Inc. recommends and urges that a change be made in the definition of Indian in Section 4(c-1) of the Act to delete the words, "and those recognized now or in the future by the state in which they reside, or who is a descendant, in the first or second degree, of any such member,"


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USET, Inc. urges the House of Representatives to immediately pass a bill substantially the same as Senate Bill 522, with adequate provisions for dealing with mental health and alcoholism needs of Indian People, and with the change in the definition of Indian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that USET, Inc. request the support of all U. S. Senators and Congressmen to actively support the passage of an Indian Health Care Improvement Act during the 94th Congress.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a regular meeting of the USET Board of Directors properly convened and held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 8-9, 1975, the above resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote.


HOWARD TOMMIE, President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.
Seminole Tribe of Florida


ERNEST SICKEY, Secretary
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana