

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO.: 77-23

WHEREAS, the Congress, in preparing the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, provided that, because of the special nature of Indian employment problems, Indian CETA programs would be handled from the national level, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor has given this responsibility to the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, after strenuous efforts to convince the Department by Indian people nation-wide, and

WHEREAS, the chief executives of these two departments have repeatedly failed in their responsibility to respond to the unique needs of Indians, to regularly confer with tribes in order to develop procedures and regulations suited to the situation in Indian Country, to staff the national office with Indian people and to advocate the Indian position within the hierarchy of the Department of Labor, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Indian and Native American Programs has not sought advice from the Indian people, refused to exercise his power to recommend waivers and rigidly enforced non-Indian-oriented guidelines, especially those regarding conflict of interest, that have forced hardships on Indian prime sponsors, and

WHEREAS, the member tribes of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., have experienced a consistent lack of technical support from the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. - the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Seneca Nation of New York, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, and St. Regis Band of Mohawks of New York - hereby request the Secretary of Labor to remove the incumbent Administrator of National Programs, Robert McConnon, and the incumbent Director of the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Alexander S. McNabb and to replace them with qualified Indian people, and be it further

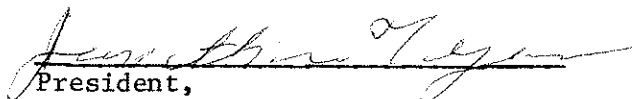
RESOLVED, that United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby authorize a delegation of tribal representatives for each member tribe to confer with Secretary Marshall on these vital issues, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the director of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., is hereby directed to coordinate and set up a date for the meeting with Secretary Marshall as soon as possible, and be it further


RESOLVED, that the director solicit support from the president of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association and the National Congress of American Indians and request representatives from these organizations to attend the meeting.

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 the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation in Hogansburg, New York, November 15, 1977, the above resolution was duly adopted.



President,
Jonathan L. Taylor
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.



Secretary,
Michael D. Tiger
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.