

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 77-24

ANTI-TRIBAL MOVEMENT

- WHEREAS, the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. was formed to promote the well-being of each constituent of its membership tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the individual and collective progress of USET tribes has been very substantial since the formation of the Inter-tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the spirit of cooperation that has existed between the USET tribes, the BIA, IHS, other Federal agencies and the U.S. Congress has contributed directly to the development and progress of self-determination by USET tribes; and
- WHEREAS, this spirit of cooperation is being seriously threatened by and through the lobbying efforts of the Interstate Congress on Equal Rights and Responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS, the stated objective of the Interstate Congress is:
1. That the constitutional rights of all Americans must supersede treaty rights of some Americans.
  2. The Indian Reservations shall not be enlarged by boundary changes, by grants, by the power of eminent domain, or by any other means.
  3. That the jurisdiction of tribal governments over nonmembers of the tribe, who have no vote or voice in tribal government, should be prohibited.
  4. That members of Indian tribes should not have the right to participate in non-tribal governments unless they are subject to the laws and responsibilities of that non-tribal government.
  5. That grants of public funds to any group of people based upon their race and denial of public funds to other groups because of their race must be prohibited; and
- WHEREAS, the recent developments regarding the land claims being filed in eastern states along with the continued controversy involving Indian tribes, local governments and private interests over fishing and hunting rights, water rights, taxation, right of ways and easements and jurisdiction over non-Indians is being widely publicized by the various news media; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the news media is generating wide-spread reaction among members of the U.S. Congress and the Carter administration, which have resulted in serious anti-tribal government actions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. hereby directs the Executive Director, Ronald L. Cournoyer, to establish a program that is designed to counteract the anti-tribal movement; and

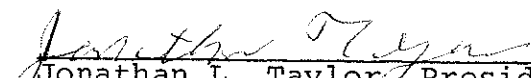
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this program reflect the expressed wishes of each of the USET tribes in order that any and all information forthcoming from this program will be in the format and content directly serving each tribe's wishes; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director seek and receive the endorsement and support of the national Indian organizations serving tribal government, which includes but is not limited to: National Congress of American Indians, National Tribal Chairmen's Association, National Indian Health Board, United Indian Planners Association, etc. and that the program be implemented as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding for this project be secured by the Executive Director from any and all sources provided that these same sources do not decrease or detract from monies appropriated or set aside for direct tribal needs.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Hogansburg, New York, on November 14 - 16, 1977, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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

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