

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-120

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes is an Inter Tribal Council whose membership is comprised of American Indian Tribes throughout the South and East; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs deals directly with the member Tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes through agencies and contracts for services; and

WHEREAS, the member Tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes see a definite need for the Eastern Area Office through which the federal government upholds it's trust responsibilities to the member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important for the leadership of the member Tribes to maintain effective communication with the Eastern Area Office through it's director; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years the leadership of the member Tribes have seen this communication process deteriorate along with the resources and services being provided by the Eastern Area Office; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes have attempted to correct these problems working with the Area Director and have not had the cooperation necessary to have a positive impact upon the problems; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes demand that the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Mr. Ken Smith, immediately remove the Eastern Area Director, Mr. Harry Rainbolt, from the position of Area Director, and remove any and all of his responsibilities for Bureau services to the membership of United South and Eastern Tribes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Ken Smith, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs appoint a temporary Area Director, and immediately begin a search for a suitable replacement who shall be appointed with the approval of the United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that barring the complete and immediate implementation of this resolution's intent by the Assistant Secretary, all the member Tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes do hereby agree that each will individually begin correspondence with their congressional delegations to secure the intent of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the semi annual United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held at the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation May 24th through 26th, 1983, at which a quorum was present.


Leonard Garrow, President
United South & Eastern Tribes


Joel Frank, Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes