

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-85-167

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes is an inter-Tribal Council whose membership is comprised of sixteen federally recognized American Indian Tribes throughout the eastern United States; and
- WHEREAS,** for many years HIP (Home Improvement Program) Funds were under the Band Analysis Program and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other USET Tribes have placed a high priority on housing because our housing needs are tremendous; and
- WHEREAS,** The Eastern Band and other USET Tribes have sacrificed other programs in order to get the HIP Program funded at an effective level; and
- WHEREAS,** The HIP Program has now been taken off the Band Analysis and funds are allocated by the BIA Central Office rather than at the tribal level, which is in conflict with Indian Self-Determination; and
- WHEREAS,** Many tribes have been added to the HIP Program without any additional funds being added, resulting in no tribe getting enough funds for an effective HIP Program; and
- WHEREAS,** BIA Eastern Area received only 4% of the total HIP allocations for F.Y. 1986; and
- WHEREAS,** Since the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other USET Tribes took over the operation of the HIP Program from BIA, all the HIP money has been used for housing and the Eastern Band of Cherokees and other USET Tribes have followed all Federal Rules and Regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** When BIA was operating the HIP Program for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians a large portion of the money went for administrative salaries and much of the construction was of very poor quality and is now causing serious problems; and
- WHEREAS,** The former BIA HIP Director for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is now in the Eastern Area Housing Office, which the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and USET feel is a conflict of interest. The former HIP Director became very upset at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and actually lobbied the tribal council trying to stop the 638 contract.

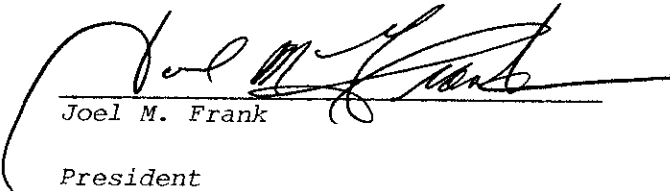
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., at it's Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting at which a quorum is present that: Both BIA and Congress are hereby requested to appropriate additional funds to fund new tribes which are being added to the HIP Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BIA employees who have not operated an effective program at the local level be removed from positions of authority over these same programs at the area office or central office level.

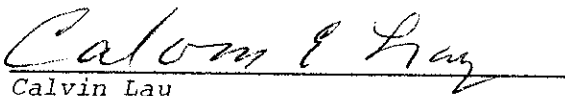
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT under Self-Determination that tribes rather than the BIA determine where funds are to be spent.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Pensacola, Florida; November 26, 1985.

  
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Joel M. Frank

President  
United South & Eastern Tribes

  
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Secretary  
United South & Eastern Tribes