

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

RESOLUTION NO. C -85-159

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROVISIONS OF H.R. 6039

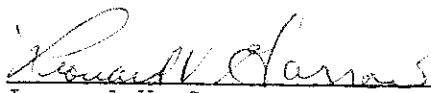
- WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has adopted a version of the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, H.R. 6039, which version provides for the elevation of the position of the Director, Indian Health Service, to the level of the Assistant Secretary for Health; and
- WHEREAS, the Senate version, S. 2166, as reported by the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, contained similar language concerning the elevation, but the language was deleted on the Senate floor; and
- WHEREAS, S. 2166, now provides only for a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, wherein the budget and questions of contracting would remain within the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- WHEREAS, Indian Tribes across the country have long advocated elevation of the position of Director, Indian Health Service, to a level comparable to that of the Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs in the Interior Department; and
- WHEREAS, the elevation of the position would result in no additional spending by the federal government, and would perhaps even reduce costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., meeting at Cherokee, North Carolina, does hereby express its wholehearted support for the elevation of the IHS within the Department of Health and Human Services, and does hereby urge support for the provisions of H.R. 6039, and

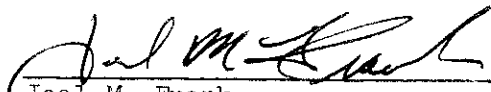
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby encourage USET member Tribes to contact their Congressional representatives for support of the House version of the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in the Conference Committee, and does hereby authorize the Executive Director to contact Conference Committee members and the Senate and House leadership on this matter.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Executive Committee Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, North Carolina, October 4, 1984.



Leonard V. Garrow
President
United South and Eastern Tribes



Joel M. Frank
Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes