

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-291

INADEQUATE FUNDING OF THE INDIAN CHILD  
WELFARE ACT (ICWA) TITLE I AND TITLE II

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of eighteen (18) federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the USET leadership to promote and protect their Indian families and children by providing services that reflect the unique value of each Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs (DOI/BIA) budgeted for services provided under the Indian Child Welfare Act (P.L. 95-608) has, over a period of successive years, failed to meet the level of funding necessary to adequately provide services; and

WHEREAS, funding levels for such services have been inconsistent and has resulted in competition among tribes for scarce resources limiting the overall ability of tribal Indian Child Welfare Programs to effectively serve their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET, Inc. Board of Directors strongly urges the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs (DOI/BIA) to request and seek adequate, consistent, and continuous funding for the Indian Child Welfare Program for Fiscal Year 1991 and all successive years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET, Inc. Board directs the Executive Director to transmit this Resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, and the appropriate Congressional committees, to pursue the level of appropriations for the Indian Child Welfare Program which will enable tribes to adequately protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of their children.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, Tennessee; on August 14, 1990.

  
Joel M. Frank, Sr., President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

  
Terry D. Martin, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.