

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-301

URGE BIA TO TAKE EDUCATION PROGRAMS OUT OF IPS AND DEVELOP A FUNDING FORMULA TO DISTRIBUTE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, education programs funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Indian Priority System (IPS) are forced to compete with other tribal necessities/priorities; and

WHEREAS, BIA programs in general are significantly underfunded, resulting in severe competition between tribal programs for the available funds; and

WHEREAS, this competition has drawn funding out of education from time to time and significantly reduced the opportunities for Indian students to participate in furthering their education; and

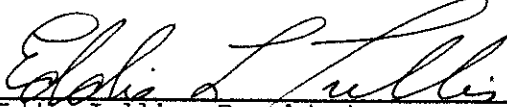
WHEREAS, Education programs should not be placed in such a position wherein they must compete with social services, law enforcement and other necessary tribal programs for funds, as it often forces tribes to eliminate educational services in order to provide tribes with protective or health-related services.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board urge the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take the Education Programs out of the Indian Priority System (IPS), without threatening the funding existing for other services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they also urge the development of a rational funding formula to distribute higher education scholarship funds, based upon total tribal needs as identified by the tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, North Carolina; on October 5, 1990.

  
Eddie Tullis, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

  
Phil Guimond, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.