

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 91-10

USET OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FY 92 INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of nineteen (19) 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 of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS, the President of the United States has submitted his FY 1992 budget recommendations to the United States Congress; and
- WHEREAS, the President's budget request, \$407 million, appears to seek to maintain the majority of Indian Health Service (IHS) programs at current levels; however, to maintain programs at current levels, the budget requires to collection of \$129 million for third party collections and \$100 million through Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements; and
- WHEREAS, the IHS, to date, has collected approximately \$4 million for FY 1990, which indicates that collection proposed for FY 1992 are totally inappropriate; and
- WHEREAS, the President's's budget request indicates that the IHS will begin the process to implement health care services cost sharing by requiring that Indians whose income exceeds the poverty level by 130% pay for a portion of health care services received from the IHS which clearly violates the trust and treaty responsibilities to American Indians by the United States Government.

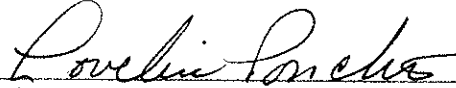
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the USET, Inc. oppose those elements of the President's FY 1992 IHS budget request as the provisions contained within are totally inappropriate and additionally, violates trust and treaty responsibilities held by the United States Government

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Tampa, Florida; on May 15, 1991.



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



Lovelin Poncho, Secretary
United South and Eastern
Tribes, Inc.