

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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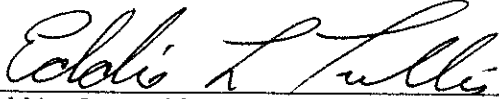
Resolution No. 91-6

USET SUPPORT OF RESTORATION OF PROPOSED BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992 ORIGINALLY SOUGHT BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR


- WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan proposed a major strengthening of the Bureau of Indian Affairs budget for fiscal year 1992, involving significant strengthening of programs at the Tribe/Agency level; and
- WHEREAS, the Congressional Research Service last year submitted a report to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs which demonstrated that while federal per capita expenditures after inflation for non-Indians over the last decade have increased, such expenditures for American Indians have significantly decreased; and
- WHEREAS, Secretary Lujan's originally proposed BIA budget increases were decreased by approximately two-thirds (2/3) by the Office of Management and Budget, based, at least in part, on BIA's failure to account for large sums of money during fiscal year 1990 and on other accounting problems, including failure to comply with recommendations and directives of the Interior Inspector General; and
- WHEREAS, the problems raised by OMB in the Executive Branch budget negotiations concerned internal Bureau management and not the Tribe/Agency and other programs which formed the bulk of the proposed increase; and
- WHEREAS, OMB has thus chosen to penalize the BIA by penalizing Tribes rather than the BIA;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of USET, Inc., does hereby encourage member Tribes to contact the members of their Congressional delegations, urging restoration of the proposed BIA budget increases rejected by OMB; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of USET does hereby urge the members of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to support, and the members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee to approve restoration of Fiscal Year 1992 increases for the Bureau of Indian Affairs originally requested by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C.; on 2-27-91, 1991.



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