

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-09

SUPPORT TO REAUTHORIZE AND TO STRENGTHEN THE NACIE

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) 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 National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) was originally created in 1972, pursuant to Part D of the Indian Education Act, P.L. 92-318; and
- WHEREAS, this law was enacted in response to recommendations made by Indian Tribes and Indian organizations across the country; and
- WHEREAS, subsequent legislation was passed by Congress to reauthorize the Indian Education Act and thereby continue NACIE; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 100-297 reauthorizes the Indian Education Act until October 1993; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 100-297 authorized a White House Conference on Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, a purpose of the White House Conference on Indian Education was to examine the feasibility of establishing an Independent Board of Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, the White House Conference on Indian Education convened January 22-24, 1992; and
- WHEREAS, the delegates of the White House Conference on Indian Education strongly opposed the establishment of an Independent Board of Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, White House Conference on Indian Education state pre-conference hearings recommended that NACIE be strengthened rather than create an Independent Board of Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, delegates of the White House Conference on Indian Education recommended that a National Forum on Indian Education take place biannually; and
- WHEREAS, the White House conference on Indian Education recommended an initiative on research and data collection on Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, NACIE is the only legitimate agency of the federal government to maintain the momentum of the White House Conference on Indian Education;

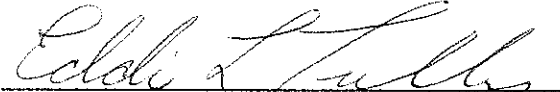
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors recommends to Congress that it enact legislation to reauthorize NACIE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors recommend to Congress that it support Exhibit A as attached to be adopted as the NACIE reauthorization language; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors recommend to the Congress that it consider \$400,000 in additional appropriations to the NACIE budget to enable it to fulfill its additional responsibilities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC on February 27, 1992.



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



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

EXHIBIT A

SEC. _____ NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL. -

(1) There is hereby established the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (hereafter in this subpart referred to as the "National Council"), which -

(A) shall consist of 15 members who are Indians appointed by the President from lists of nominees furnished, from time to time, by Indian tribes and organizations, and

(B) shall represent diverse geographic areas of the country.

(2) Subject to section 448(b) of the General Education Provisions Act, the National Council shall continue to exist until October 1, 1998.

(b) FUNCTIONS. - The National Council shall -

(1) Advise the Secretaries of any Federal department which operates or funds Federal education and related programs with respect to -

(A) the administration (including the development of regulations and of administrative practices and policies) of any program -

(i) in which Indian children and adults participate, or

(ii) from which they can benefit, including this part, and

(B) adequate funding of such programs;

(2) evaluate programs and projects carried out under any education program, or education related program of the Federal government in which Indian children or adults can participate or from which they can benefit, and disseminate the results of such evaluations;

(3) serve as a data collection and dissemination center on Indian education;

(4) provide technical assistance to local education agencies and to Indian tribes, Indian educational agencies, institutions and organizations to assist them in improving the education of Indian children;

(5) submit to the Secretaries of Education and Interior, as applicable, a list of nominees for the position of Director of the Office of Indian Education whenever a vacancy in such positions occurs,

(6) assist Indian tribes in coordinating a National Forum on Indian education in 1994 and 1996 for the purpose of assessing the progress of the recommendations of the White House Conference on Indian Education; and

(7) submit to the Congress and to the President by no later than June 30 of each year a report on its activities, or as it may deem necessary more often, reports on its activities, which shall include -

(A) any recommendations it may deem necessary for the improvement of Federal education programs in which Indian children and adults participate, or from which they can benefit, and

(B) a statement of the National Council's recommendations to Secretaries with respect to the funding of any such programs.

(c) GIFTS. - The council shall have authority to accept, on behalf of and in the name of the United States, grants, gifts, or bequests of money for immediate disbursement by the National Council in furtherance of the National Forum. Such grants, gifts, or bequests offered the National Council, shall be paid by the donor or his representative into the Treasury of the United States in a special account to the credit of the council for the purpose of this part.

(d) CONTRACTING. - With respect to functions of the National Council described in this part, the National Council is authorized to contract with any public or private profit or nonprofit agency, institution, or organization for assistance in carrying out such functions.

(e) FUNDING. - From sums appropriated pursuant to section 400(d) of the General Education Provisions Act which are available for part D of such Act, the Secretary shall make available such sums as may be necessary to enable the National Council to carry out its functions under this section.