

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-02MS

ACCESS TO FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONALIZED HANDICAPPED
STUDENTS IN THE EASTERN AREA

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 tribes of USET, Inc. have both a desire and a legal requirement to serve the needs of handicapped Indian students educated by the member tribes. There are several students in the Eastern Area whose handicapping condition requires care in a specialized institution, such care being very expensive; and

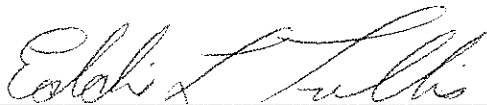
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs meets this need through an institutional care budget and social services funds. These funds have not been made available to meet the needs of the institutionalized students in the Eastern Area on a reasonable basis; and

WHEREAS, there are several pending applications for 1993 institutional care funds by Eastern Area Tribes. In 1992, institutional care funds were distributed to Eastern Area Tribes after all other needs were met. The 1992 distribution was not sufficient to meet the actual costs faced by Eastern Area Tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be required to address the needs of handicapped students in the Eastern Area on an equal basis with students from other tribes and that access to all necessary funds for the care of our handicapped children be provided on a timely basis.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Biloxi, Mississippi on October 29, 1992.



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



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