

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-01MV

SHORTFALL IN BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

- 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, Special Education services are both desired and mandated by federal law, requiring that all students receive a free appropriate public education; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is responsible for the funding of the education of handicapped students in attendance at Bureau schools; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has not developed a funding package which provides sufficient funds to meet the needs of handicapped students in the Eastern Area; and
- WHEREAS, the 1992 funding of all Bureau funded schools experienced a significant shortfall in funding; and
- WHEREAS, in the Eastern Area the shortfall totaled \$701,624 or 23.81% of identified need and estimated at 11 million nationally; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has no solution to the funding shortage which will provide funding sufficient to meet the legal requirements of providing a free appropriate education for handicapped students enrolled in Bureau schools;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors condemns this lack of realistic planning on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USET requests congress to instruct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to develop a realistic plan to meet this shortfall in Special Education funding.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Martha's Vineyard, MA on April 29, 1992.



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



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