

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

**RESOLUTION NO 93-07DC**

**REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF ICWA 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,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is proposing to use Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) funds appropriated by the fiscal year 1993 appropriations to meet shortfalls in BIA funded schools' funding as a part of the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP); and
- WHEREAS,** the Congress increased ICWA in the '93 appropriations because it realized that a large amount of the need in caring for Indian children was not being met under then current funding levels, and that implementation of a formula distribution of ICWA funds (superseding the prior competitive method of grant award) required additional funding to assure that each tribal government and consortium was funded at levels adequate to serve the Indian children on each reservation: and
- WHEREAS,** the need for increased funding to ISEP resulted from underestimations of national student counts by the office with budget development authority within the BIA, and is not the result of any actions by tribes, Indian contract schools, or the BIA schools.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of USET hereby encourages the member tribes of USET to contact the members of their Congressional delegations to urge opposition to the proposed transfer of ICWA funds to ISEP, and to encourage the enactment of supplemental appropriations to address the ISEP shortfall.

## CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC, on February 25, 1993.



Eddie L. Tullis, President  
United South and Eastern  
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Keller George, Secretary  
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