

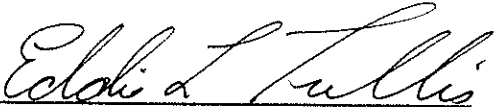
**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.
RESOLUTION NO 93-10DC**

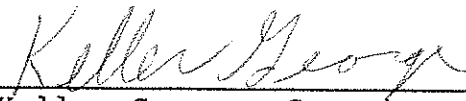
**OPPOSITION TO RESCIND THE \$8 MILLION APPROPRIATION
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

- 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 health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of members of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Congress recognized that the Department of Defense (DOD) operations on or near Indian lands have caused severe environmental problems for many Indian Tribes, negatively impacting the health, safety, social, and economic welfare of Indian people; and
- WHEREAS,** section 9116 of P.L. 102-396 provides that "not less than \$8 million shall be made available only for the mitigation of environmental impacts on Indian lands resulting from DOD activities, provided that the Secretary of Defense shall first enter into an agreement with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)"; and
- WHEREAS,** the DOD is attempting to rescind the Congressional directive, subsequently eliminating the \$8 million appropriation; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribes believe the DOD should be held accountable for the negative environmental impacts, caused by their activities, on and near Native American lands; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of USET hereby opposes the attempt of the DOD to rescind the \$8 million appropriation to mitigate DOD environmental impacts on or near Indian lands; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of USET requests that the Defense Sub-Committee, Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Congress and the Secretary of Defense take measures to insure that DOD abides by the Congressional directive to transfer the \$8 million to ANA and help mitigate DOD environmental impacts on or near Indian lands.

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
Tribes, Inc.


Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern
Tribes, Inc.