

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. ~~93~~-07LA

FUNDING OF NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE ACT

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) 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 members of the USET Education Committee desires the support of the USET Board in order to secure our descendants' rights, cultural values and promote the welfare of the Indian people by establishing the Native American Language Act; and

WHEREAS, only 155 Native American languages are still spoken in the US and of these, 135 are spoken only by older adults and are in jeopardy of being lost; and

WHEREAS, the 102nd Congress enacted the Native American Language Act of 1992, authorizing a program of grants to Tribal governments to be administered by the Administration for Native Americans to help assure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American Language Act; and

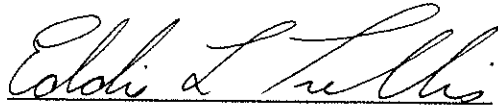
WHEREAS, the 103rd Congress has increased appropriations for the Administration for Native Americans for FY 1994 urging the implementation of the Native Americans Language Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that USET Board hereby urges the Administration of native Americans under US DHHS to fully fund this program at 100% to Indian Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the USET Board urges the Secretary of Human Services to direct the announcement of applications amount Tribal Governments and other eligible organizations for Native American Language grants for FY 1994.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum was present in Lafayette, LA on December 8, 1993.



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



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