

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. ~~93~~-13LA

**REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO UTILIZE ALL HIS RESOURCES TO
EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF THE MICCOSUKEE TAMIAMI TRAIL
RESERVATION FROM THE NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WITH AN INCREASE
IN THE LAND BASE**

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 Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (Miccosukee Tribe) resides on 333.3 acres on the northern boundary of the Everglades National park known as the Tamiami Trail Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tamiami Trail Reservation is a small reservation and the Miccosukee Tribe needs more land for this reservation for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tamiami Trail Reservation is subject to a Special Use Permit issued by the National Park Service which expires January 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe requested the Secretary of the Interior to transfer the land from the National Park Service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Miccosukee Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary responded to the Tribe's request by stating he could not simply transfer the land due to a reversionary clause in the property deed which would revert the land back to the State of Florida if taken out of Everglades National Park and Congressional action is necessary for this to occur; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida took away the Miccosukee reservation created by the state to deed the land to the National Park Service for Everglades National Park; and

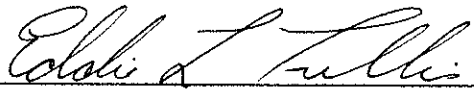
WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe contends that the state reversionary clause does not apply in this case due to this being a transfer from one type of federal ownership to another type of federal ownership within the Department of

Interior and the fact that the land was previously a State Indian Reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the Miccosukee Tribe's efforts to have the Tamiami Trail Reservation become a Federal Indian Reservation, increase the size of the Tamiami Trail Reservation, and further requests the Secretary to commit his resources to the extent necessary to make the transfer from National Park Service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs with an appropriate increase in the land base.

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.