

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. ~~92~~-19LA

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NARRAGANSETT TRIBE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN ITS STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE ITS TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated(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 Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island has been ruled by a federal court to be entitled to operate gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act(IGRA), see State of Rhode Island v. Narragansett Tribe, 816F, Supp. 796 (Judge Petine, U.S.D.R.I., March 4, 1993); and


WHEREAS, the Governor of Rhode Island has refused to accept this ruling, and has not only stonewalled the Tribe's request for a compact, but has vowed to seek federal legislation placing the Tribe completely under all state and local laws and regulations, which would totally destroy the Tribe as a self-governing federally recognized Tribe, and would be contrary to the policy of Public Law 280, 25 U.S. Code 1321, 1322, which specifically requires tribal consent for state jurisdiction over a tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Narragansett Tribe has sought the support of USET in the coming struggle against the Governor's plans to obtain federal legislation.

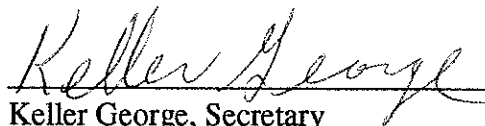
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board does hereby call upon the Congress of the United States to respect and protect tribal sovereignty wherever it exists, and not to abrogate it in any way without the consent of the Tribe concerned; and hereby declares its support for the Narragansett Tribe in its coming struggle to preserve its tribal sovereignty.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Annual Board 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.