

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. ~~92~~-20LA

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ALABAMA-COUSHATTA STUDENTS OF TEXAS
IN THEIR PERSONAL DECISION TO WEAR LONG HAIR**

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, a majority of the total Indian population from the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas attend public schools located in the nearby school districts; and

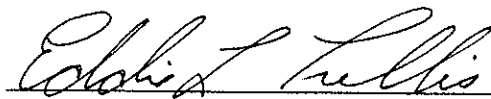
WHEREAS, one particular United South and Eastern Tribe member in Texas, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, recently served as the plaintiff in a civil suit against the Big Sandy Independent School District over the District's imposition of their short hair rule in their school dress code, which resulted in detention of several Native American students for up to six(6) weeks; and

WHEREAS, this case, which was a challenge under the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment, was ruled in favor of the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board does hereby endorse a resolution supporting the efforts of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to exercise their Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment in their students' personal decision to wear long hair in public schools.

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.