

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. ~~92~~-21LA

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION
TO AMEND THE INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT OF 1988**

- 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,** USET recognizes that federal budget constraints have limited and will continue to limit the availability of public monies to reduce poverty on Reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to the United States Constitution and reaffirmed in treaty, statute, executive order, and regulation, a direct government-to-government relationship exists between the Federal government and the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** a continuing goal of USET is the support of Tribal Sovereignty and defense against all attacks on sovereignty, culture, and tradition by any non-Indian government, entity, or private person to the fullest extent they are able to do so; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that the exercise of Tribal Sovereignty is an essential way of promoting Tribal economic development, Tribal independence, Tribal self-sufficiency, and strong Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that Tribal Sovereignty enables the Tribes in conducting gaming activities on Indian lands, and that Tribal gaming has a long and rich tradition in Indian communities; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that Tribal gaming is and has been a feasible and effective way for some Tribes to develop economically, to provide employment on Indian lands, and to achieve independence, self-sufficiency, and strong Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that revenues made available to the Tribes from gaming have provided unprecedented benefits in employment, education, health care, social services, utility services, road construction, new home construction and sales, reductions in crime and other social ills, and much needed capital funds for economic development, and that no federally recognized Tribe in possession of lands held in trust by the United States of America be deprived or preempted of its existing rights under the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; and

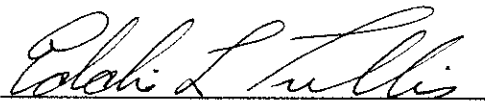
WHEREAS, USET recognizes that to give meaning to and allow the full exercise of Tribal Sovereignty in the pursuit of economic and political self-determination, the Tribes must enjoy unrestricted and unfettered discretion in designing , planning, and implementing their gaming activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board does hereby reiterate and reaffirm that Tribal gaming, and its regulation, is an exclusive function of Tribal Sovereignty, and that attempts to curtail, impinge, regulate, prohibit, preempt or in any way adversely affect such Tribal discretion in gaming is an unwarranted and illegal intrusion into the inherent sovereignty which Tribes possess over their own affairs on Indian lands.

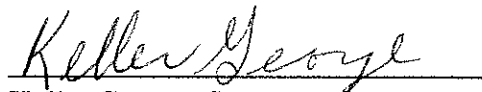
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because of attempts by the states to restrict, prohibit, and eliminate Indian gaming through unwarranted and illegal encroachments on Tribal sovereignty, USET recognizes the need for and supports federal legislation to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988(IGRA) by restoring to the Tribes the exclusive jurisdiction in regulating gaming activities in Indian Country.

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.