

RESOLUTION NO. 93-12NC

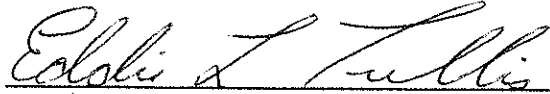
SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INDIAN LAND
FOR USE IN TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) 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 supports tribal economic development benefits and strengthening of tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 permits tribal governments to conduct gaming on Indian lands; and
- WHEREAS, the Act defines Indian lands to include reservation, trust or restricted lands; and
- WHEREAS, several members of USET are involved in expanding reservation economies through gaming and industrial development on land which is either historical, reservation, trust or restricted lands; and
- WHEREAS, the Eastern Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been implementing policies which limit the ability of USET member tribes to expand reservation economies by failing to properly interpret federal law and regulations for land acquisition or gaming laws allowing gaming to be conducted on reservation, trust, or restricted Indian land;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board hereby expresses strong opposition to the policy position currently enforced by the Eastern Area Office, BIA, which attempts to limit the ability of USET member tribes to expand reservation land bases through tribal acquisitions for industrial purposes or to conduct tribal gaming activities on reservation, trust, or restricted lands.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on May 15, 1993.



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



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

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