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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-22-DC

PREAMBLE

- 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,** tribal courts are an essential element of tribal sovereignty and Indian self-determination, and a vital component of tribal government and therefore are vital to the provision of justice to all persons in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** tribal judicial systems are chronically under funded, limiting their ability to effectively administer justice; and
- WHEREAS,** the number and complexity of cases heard by tribal courts are rapidly increasing, thereby creating a need for enhancement, training and technical assistance to those courts; and
- WHEREAS,** the concept of justice is peculiar to each people and its government, and therefore the most effective and respected judicial systems are those which incorporate each people's notions of justice; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress recognizing the needs of tribal courts did pass the Indian Tribal Justice Act, Public Law 103-176, which was signed into law on December 3, 1993 by President Bill Clinton; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Law 103-176 is only an "authorization" act and there is need for appropriations to follow in order to implement the authorizing legislation; and

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WHEREAS, tribal governments' involvement in and commitment to improving tribal justice systems is essential to the accomplishment of the goals of the Act.

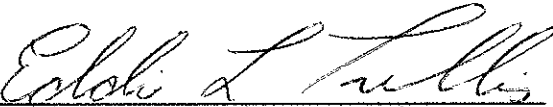
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Tribes support and request appropriations be made by the U.S. Congress up to the authorized amounts of Public Law 103-176; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts of \$50 million for base funding of tribal court operations; \$7 million for training, technical assistance and other needs; \$500,000 for administrative expenses for Tribal Judicial Conference; \$500,000 for administrative expenses for Office within the BIA; and \$400,000 for a survey of tribal court needs be appropriated for Fiscal Year 1995; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USET Tribes request that the United States Senate concur with the United States House of Representatives and provide \$58.4 million in new funding to the newly passed Indian Tribal Justice Act, Public Law 103-176, for Fiscal Year 1995 for the Indian Tribal Justice Systems.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 24, 1994.



Eddie L. Tullis, President
USET



Keller George, Secretary
USET