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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-24-DC

FY 1995 BUDGET AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION

- 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 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) representatives accompanied by representatives of the Joint Task Force on BIA Reorganization, met with OMB Director Leon Panetta on February 18, 1994 to discuss the lack of Tribal Government consultation in the development of the Clinton Administration's FY 1995 Budget; and
- WHEREAS**, the NCAI delegation of Tribal leaders proposed to Mr. Panetta that a working group of Tribal leaders be assembled to engage in a follow-up meeting with Mr. Panetta and his staff to provide substantive input on components of the FY 1995 budget that impact the vital interests of all Tribes, and that such a meeting should be the beginning of a process of government-to-government consultation; and
- WHEREAS**, it was further proposed to Mr. Panetta that in order to clarify the Clinton Administration Policy on Tribal/Federal government-to-government consultation that the President should issue an Executive Order similar to the proposed Secretarial Order on government-to-government consultation recently submitted to Secretary Babbitt by the Joint Task Force on BIA Reorganization; and
- WHEREAS**, the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act and the National Performance Review have resulted in certain recommendations for "streamlining" the BIA and IHS by reducing hundreds of FTE positions in those two agencies and eliminating various Administrative offices; and

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WHEREAS, these streamlining recommendations now incorporated in the FY 1995 Budget have been developed without any consultation with tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Congress in calling for the establishment of the BIA Reorganization Task Force provided in the FY 91, 92, 93 and 94 Appropriations Acts for Interior that no funds for BIA Reorganization will be approved by Congress unless such reorganization has been reviewed and agreed to by the Joint Task Force on BIA Reorganization; and


WHEREAS, the Joint Task Force, in its national meeting on February 8-11, 1994 in Las Vegas, Nevada, adopted the position that recommendations in the BIA for NPR implementation, should be closely coordinated with the Task Force, and that any administrative cost savings should be reallocated to the tribal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET, Inc. Board of Directors do hereby support the proposals made by Tribal leaders to OMB Director Leon Panetta calling for the establishment of a process of government-to-government consultations to be initiated by a meeting with a working group of Tribal leaders with the OMB Director and that such meeting should include USET representation and that the working group of Tribal leaders should take the position that any cost savings achieved through streamlining, NPR implementation or reorganization, not be allocated to deficit reduction, but should be reallocated to the tribal level within each agency; and

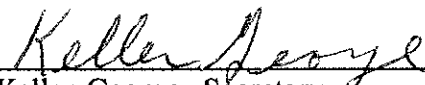
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that USET, Inc. Board of Directors further recommends that President Clinton issue an Executive Order clarifying Administration Policy on consultation with Tribal governments on a government-to-government basis.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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