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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-33-DC

CALLING FOR FULL FUNDING OF 93-638 TRIBAL CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

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, contract support costs, established by the federal government through Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, have proven to be an indispensable aspect of Indian tribal governments' administration of federal programs, in that minimal to non-existent resources are available to tribal governments from non-federal mechanisms such as local taxes for administrative and overhead costs; and

WHEREAS, much of the history of implementation and amendment of the Indian Self-Determination Act and appropriation acts pursuant to Indian appropriations authorizations has involved attempts by tribal governments to recover the full amounts of contract support costs to which they were entitled, in which they have been supported by the Congress and opposed by the DHHS bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, because of national budget constraints, among other reasons, the Congress saw fit in enactment of the Fiscal Year 1994 Interior Appropriations to impose a ceiling in the BIA appropriations of \$92 million on tribal contract support costs, consisting mainly of contract support costs, a ceiling which is now, half way through the fiscal year, beginning to cause extreme hardships to tribal governments attempting to contract new or expanded programs from the Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby endorse the attached position statement on tribal contract support costs, and does hereby call upon the Congress to remove the contract support ceiling during 1994 and to provide adequate levels of BIA and IHS contract support funding for fiscal year 1995; and

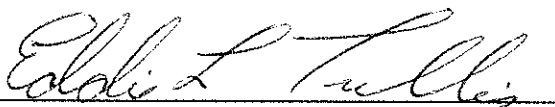
"Because there is strength in Unity"

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby call upon the member-tribes of USET to express this position to the members of their Congressional delegations, and does hereby authorize the President of USET and the executive director to communicate the USET position to officials of the Interior and Health and Human Services departments and other appropriate federal officials.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Special Called Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on April 28, 1994.



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



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