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Resolution No. 11/94-16FL

BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE INDIAN USE AND OCCUPANCY

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 Tribe's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) has traditionally been used by the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Indians of Florida, for hunting, fishing, traditional and ceremonial purposes, gathering medicine plants, and as a source for chickee building materials; and

WHEREAS, the BCNP recently contracted an ethnographic study of the traditional use of the Preserve by the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Florida, and Independent Indians; and

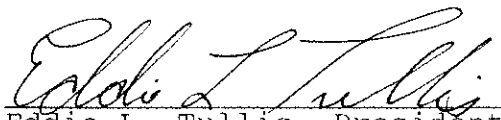
WHEREAS, the purpose for said Ethnographic study is to limit the Indian use of the BCNP through regulations on Indian Use and Occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the last time the BCNP proposed Indian Use and Occupancy regulations said regulations set limits on population growth, restricted use for chickee building materials, and discouraged Indian use of the BCNP.

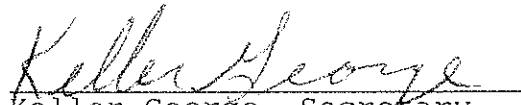
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors do hereby request that the National Park Service and BCNP recognize the Miccosukee, and Seminole Tribal rights in the BCNP by not limiting their usage of the BCNP.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum was present, in Tampa, Florida, on November 10, 1994.


Eddie L. Tullis, President

United South and Eastern Tribes


Keller George, Secretary

United South and Eastern Tribes

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