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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 2/95-04IMP

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE \$15 MILLION CEILING  
FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

**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 Federal Government provides funding for Tribal Environmental programs under the provisions of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Congress has established a \$15 million maximum authorization for appropriations for the EPA General Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the \$15 million maximum authorization is woefully inadequate to permit tribes to establish environmental programs necessary to comply with federal environmental laws; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has requested for the first time since the creation of the General Assistance Program the \$15 million maximum funding amount in the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget, and if appropriated would not serve the needs of all federally recognized tribes which is projected at approximately \$100 million;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the United South and Eastern Tribes hereby strongly urges the U.S. Congress to eliminate the \$15 million maximum appropriation authorization for U.S. EPA General Assistance Program funding.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

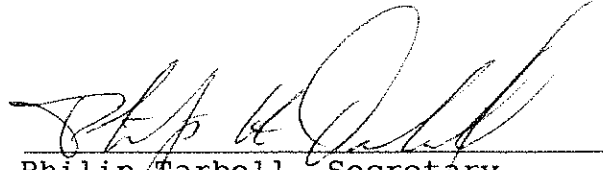
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United South and Eastern Tribes authorizes a letter of support along with this resolution to be transmitted to the U.S. Congress and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 1995.



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Keller George, President  
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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Philip Tarbell, Secretary  
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.