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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 05/95-10LA

CLEAN WATER ACT REAUTHORIZATION H.R. 961

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 U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill H.R. 961 to reauthorize the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, this bill is in direct contradiction with federal policy towards Indian tribes since President Nixon started self-determination by forcing the EPA administrator to respect the terms of any cooperative agreement between tribes and states by altering the dispute resolution process, so any affected individual may invoke the process by requiring all treatment as a state application to undergo a *De Novo* review by Federal District Court, and by creating a hodge-podge of conflicting and confusing water quality standards on checker-board reservations; and

WHEREAS, this bill also seriously undermines the Clean Water Act by changing the definition of wetlands, allows for more pollution in rivers, streams, and lakes, and would cause conflicts between states with adjoining waters,

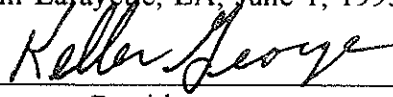
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby strongly urge the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to oppose H.R. 961, as it seriously undermines self-determination for Indian tribes and defeats the purpose of the Clean Water Act.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

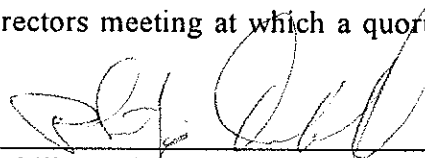
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum was present, in Lafayette, LA, June 1, 1995.



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



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