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Resolution No. 05/95-11LA

OPPOSITION TO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS

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 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 USET Board of Directors is firmly committed to the goal of protecting the sovereignty of Indian tribes and safeguarding the status and integrity of tribal custom and culture by assuring that the integrity and stability of Indian families is not threatened by legislation designed to erode, manipulate or eliminate the stability of Indian families; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors is opposed to changes in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, by the proposed changes as outlined in H.R. 1448 which does not reflect the wishes of Indian people, but does instead reflect the wishes and desires of outside groups and entities who are attempting to control Indian people and families; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors feels that the proposed amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, as outlined in H.R. 1448 would be detrimental to the sovereignty and sanctity of Indian people and their inherent right to protect and strengthen the integrity of Indian families,

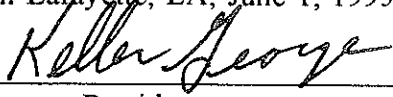
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors opposes any changes to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 unless such changes are proposed and submitted by the majority of federally recognized Indian tribes.

“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.