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**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. USET 97:01

**BIA TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION WELFARE ASSISTANCE FUNDS  
DISTRIBUTED BASED ON TRIBAL NEED**

**WHEREAS,** The United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 are dedicated and committed to the needs of its tribes and members to the goal of preserving the sovereignty, inherent rights, integrity, and stability of our Indian children and families; and

**WHEREAS,** The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed regulatory changes to the Tribal Priority Allocation [TPA] funding and have solicited input on the funds that have historically been non-TPA program funds, i.e., Adult Institutional Care Assistance, Child Welfare Assistance, General Assistance, and Miscellaneous Assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** These proposed regulatory changes direct funding allocations be performed on a formula based distribution rather than the current needs based distribution; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors hereby request the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs allocation of the following Tribal program funds be distributed on individual Tribal needs rather than formula:

- 1) Adult Institutional Care funds;
- 2) Child Welfare funds;
- 3) General Assistance funds; and
- 4) Miscellaneous funds, which include burial and emergency assistance.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*

(USET 97:01)

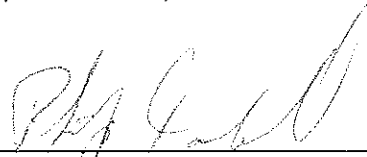
**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, October 31, 1996.



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



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