



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:28

**PROVIDING DIRECT ACCESS TO TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE FUNDING
FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, Title IV-E of the Social Security Act has provided entitlement funding for foster care services since 1981; and

WHEREAS, Title IV-E funding is currently available to only state agencies and the programs with which the state has formed agreements; and

WHEREAS, Tribal children who are placed by tribal courts or other tribal agencies are not eligible to receive IV-E entitlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the Title IV-E program was designed to serve all eligible children in the United States, regardless of location or jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments have some of the greatest needs for foster care services of any governments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the passage of federal legislation that would amend Title IV-E and give tribal governments full access to the Title IV-E funds, including, but not limited to foster care maintenance payments, administration, training, information systems development and adoption assistance.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

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

Beverly Wright Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.