

United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

Resolution No. USET 99:42

REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS AND SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACTING

- 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, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is responsible for the administration of the Self-Determination Contracts and Self-Governance Compacting; and
- **WHEREAS,** Congress, in the FY 99 budget for Self-Determination contracting and Self-Governance compacting imposed a moratorium on new and expanded programs; and
- WHEREAS, Congress imposed this moratorium without thought to the hardship this imposes on Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, under the current moratorium, tribes are limited to the services that they may offer to their tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS, needs currently exist in USET tribal communities for new and expanded education programs; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly recommends that the BIA solicit all the appropriate sources to have Congress in its FY 2000 Budget appropriations, remove the current moratorium on Self-Determination contracting and Self-Governance compacting.

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

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