



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:47

BIA TRIBAL 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, USET endorses the concept of Tribal Self-Governance as one of the highest available forms of tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, integral to the funding process during Title IV Compacting is the dollar amount of tribal shares accruing to the negotiating tribe; and

WHEREAS, the definitions of "residual" and "inherently federal function" have been under substantial disagreement between the tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had adopted an accounting policy wherein virtually every dollar is classified as residual or an inherently federal function and not available for tribal negotiations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors condemns this arbitrary BIA policy which unreasonably classifies every dollar as residual or an inherently federal function thereby reducing its members ability to make rational decisions about Title I Contracting or Title IV Compacting; be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requires, on behalf of its membership, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for Fiscal Year 2000, adopt a rational formula allocating all area funds (except education) to all tribes less those funds, identified for tribes, for inherently federal functions.

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.

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