



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:094

DE-CENTRALIZATION OF TITLE RECORDKEEPING

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) 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,** current title recordkeeping is maintained by the Eastern Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Regional Office of the BIA has not been able to provide title information to member tribes due to a significant and long-standing recordkeeping backlog; and
- WHEREAS,** titles are required to complete the applications for participation in the Section 184 loan program and the USDA Rural Development assistance program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that present and future title recordkeeping be maintained by individual member tribes, with the approval of tribal governments, specifically for the purpose of internal land transactions that do not require trust application; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors also recommends that the title requirements for the current Section 184 and USDA Rural Development applications be waived.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, Thursday, June 5, 2003.

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

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.