REQUESTS FOR THE USET BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PETITION CONGRESS FOR FUNDING INDIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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 education of Native students is of paramount importance to the future of Native peoples, the survival of Native cultures and the vitality of Native communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, the United States has acknowledged its trust responsibility to Indian Tribes for the Education of Native Students; and

WHEREAS, proposed Federal budget cuts in FY2013 and as a component of the 2011 Budget Control Act deficit reductions would have a devastating effect on these critical programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors urges the Congress to protect and defend the current funding levels of Indian Education Programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.