WHEREAS, The office of Minority Business Enterprise, Department of Commerce, has made a contract grant with the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this contract grant has been placed in a region that includes the following states, Mississippi, Louisiana and North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, The United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. is to provide services to seven tribes in the following states, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York and North Carolina and

WHEREAS, USET serves Seneca Nation of New York, Chitimacha and Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana of which OMBE has deleted from our contract and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. requests the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, Department of Commerce, to delete from the contract grant the restriction of the regional boundaries, and include tribal communities within the five state service area of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. in the contract grant, and

WHEREAS, United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. is an established inter-tribal council with member tribes located within the heretofore mentioned jurisdictional boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the federal policy of regionalization interferes with that jurisdictional boundary and therefore prevents implementation of the self-determination policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all five states and all tribal communities be included in the contract grant between the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, Department of Commerce, and the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Executive Committee urges the United States Department of Commerce to completely support the policy of Indian self-determination.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Cherokee, North Carolina, October 3-4, 1974, the above resolution was duly adopted.

[Signatures]

President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.

Secretary
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.