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RESOLUTION NO. USET-3-69

WHEREAS: The United Southeastern Tribes have consistently supported Robert L. Bennett for retention as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, believing that he has done an excellent job for the Indian people, yet

WHEREAS: Upon learning that Commissioner Bennett has submitted his resignation to be effective on May 31, 1969, and

WHEREAS: The United Southeastern Tribes do not believe that we should continue to support Mr. Bennett, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Clarence Acoya has been nominated for the position of Commissioner by the Honorable David F. Cargo, Governor of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Acoya is well known for his interest in Indian people, for his fairness, for giving equal opportunities to all, and has served as the Director of the New Mexico Commission on Indian Affairs, and is presently employed by the National Congress of American Indians as Project Director for a nation-wide Ford Foundation program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the United Southeastern Tribes support Mr. Clarence Acoya for the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this petition be directed to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States and to the Honorable Walter Hickel, Secretary of the Interior.

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF MAY, 1969, in Quarterly Council Assembled, at Nashville, Tennessee, by a unanimous vote, a quorum being present.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Inter-Tribal Council UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES