

United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.

Resolution No. USET-19-72

A Resolution Stating the Position of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. Regarding Federal Programs Involving American Indians on the National Level

- WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government has a self-imposed, legal, and continuing trust responsibility for the Indian people of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, the Indian people of the United States, particularly in recent years, and particularly in the eastern portion of this great nation, have endeavored to improve themselves by their own efforts and by accepting and utilizing in good faith the various offices and programs of the Federal Government designed to assist Indian people, and
- WHEREAS, recent actions and indications of the Executive Branch of the United States Federal Government show a marked intent of the Federal Government to abrogate its special trust responsibility to the American Indian people, and
- WHEREAS, specific reference regarding the above point is made to the proposed cutback of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' operating budget, and also to budgetary cutbacks for the operations and services of the Indian Health Service and the Indian Programs Branch of the Office of Economic Opportunity

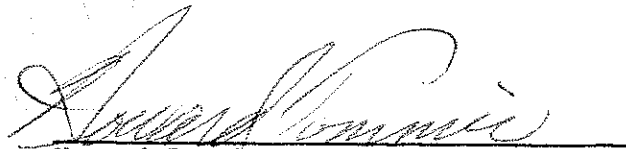
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. does hereby place itself on record in opposition to the current, proposed cutbacks in funds for federal Indian programs and in opposition to any future attempts by the Federal Government to abrogate its special trust responsibility to the American Indian people.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. legally and duly held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 27 - 29, 1972



Phillip Martin
President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.



Howard Tommie
Secretary
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.