

United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.
Resolution No. USET 73-06

A Resolution to Request from the Office of Child Development a Waiver of the Head Start Fee Schedule for all Indian Head Start Programs

WHEREAS, the special obligation of the Federal Government to provide for the education of Indian children was freely assumed by the Federal Government as part of the rights granted to Indian Tribes in exchange for Tribal lands, and

WHEREAS, this obligation cannot be abrogated unilaterally by the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Opportunity Act Amendments, passed October 1973, require a fee schedule for Head Start enrollees whose family income exceeds \$4,320 ignoring the special Federal obligation to Indian children, and

WHEREAS, Indian reservations are generally and universally recognized as poverty areas and reservation children remain socially isolated and culturally disadvantaged in English speaking classrooms, and

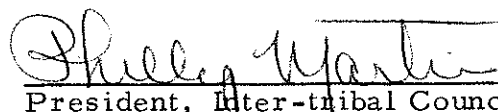
WHEREAS, the official policy of the Office of Child Development in implementing the Economic Opportunity Act Amendments of October 1972 has not yet been established, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., representing the six federally recognized Indian tribes in the Eastern United States calls upon the Federal Government to uphold its previous commitment to the Indian people to provide free educational services to the Indian children, and be it further


RESOLVED, that the Office of Child Development is requested to grant a request for waiver of the Head Start fee schedule for all Indian Head Start programs.

CERTIFICATION

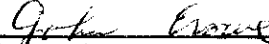
This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, June 21-22, 1973, the above resolution was duly adopted, by a unanimous vote of 17 for, 0 against (one absent).



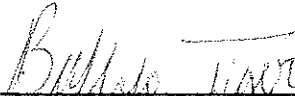
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