

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.  
RESOLUTION NO. USET 73-09

RE: USET, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORT OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS PROTEST REGARDING FUNDING OF CFRP PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina is a member of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., and the Board of Directors of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., recognizes the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina has traditionally stressed the priority of educational needs on the Qualla Indian Boundary, and has acknowledged that the Cherokee Head Start Program has established a reputation for professionalism, dedication and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the Indian and Migrant Division of the Office of Child Development did extend an invitation to the Cherokee Head Start Program to participate in a competitive funding venture called "Child and Family Resource Program," and informed the Cherokee Head Start Program that the invitation was based on an assessment of past performance and,

WHEREAS, the Indian and Migrant Division of the Office of Child Development acknowledged that Cherokee had emerged as one of two Indian Head Start programs in the United States possessing exceptional merit, and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Head Start Program, the Community Action Agency, and numerous supporting agencies immediately implemented a series of activities which involved time, expense and dedication prior to the planning, writing and submitting of the CFRP proposal, and

WHEREAS, the rejection of the Cherokee CFRP proposal implied that the CFRP grant had been awarded to the Blackfoot Head Start Program in Montana, and

WHEREAS, recent information has revealed that the Blackfoot proposal was also rejected and the CFRP grant has been awarded to a Migrant proposal, and

WHEREAS, neither the Blackfoot or the Cherokees were aware of the submission of a non-Indian proposal and were misled as to the identity of the actual recipient, and

WHEREAS, the soliciting of potential recipients, the evaluation of proposals and the awarding of the CFRP grant has been characterized by misinformation and/or the lack of information,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., at its duly authorized meeting in which a quorum is present, that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., supports the Cherokee Tribal Council's protesting the breach of trust, the confusion and misleading procedures which accompanied the awarding of the CFRP grant,

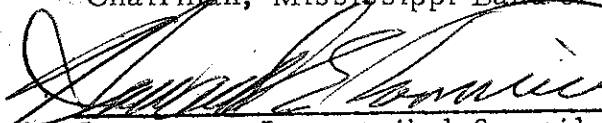
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., officially communicate its objection to the aforementioned procedures to all federal agencies and federal representatives and to the Indian Migrant Division of the Office of Child Development.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, June 21-22, 1973, the above resolution was duly adopted, by a vote of all 18 members in favor, none opposed.



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President, Inter-tribal Council  
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.  
Chairman, Mississippi Band of Choctaws



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