

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION 74-01

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDING FOR INDIAN PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, AND SIMILARLY, OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PLANNING GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., is a non-profit corporation, and is authorized under the provisions of its Constitution and By-Laws of May 27, 1969, to assist the Indians of the Eastern United States in the improvement of their social and economic conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce has greatly assisted and caused the member tribes of this corporation to prosper and otherwise benefit by virtue of grants for public works projects on Indian reservations in the States of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, and North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration has also greatly benefited the said Indian tribes by providing them with technical assistance and planning grants which are directly related to the desire of Indian people that they become self-sufficient, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration is the only Federal agency that is authorized to provide such comprehensive assistance to Indian Tribes, and

WHEREAS, in the proposed Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 1975, the Executive Branch would transfer all of the funds for Indian public works projects from the Economic Development Administration to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

WHEREAS, in the proposed Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 1975, the Executive Branch would eliminate all of the funds now provided by the Economic Development Administration for Indian technical assistance and planning grants, and

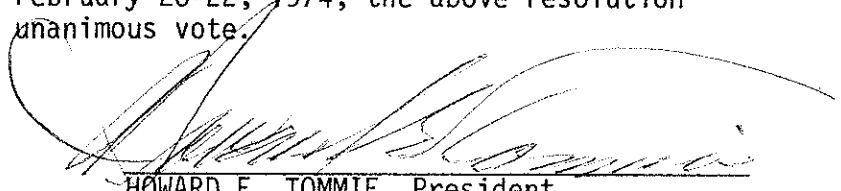
WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration has always, within its ability, assisted Indian tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors does hereby indicate its opposition to the proposed transfer and elimination of Indian funds from the Fiscal Year 1975 budget of the Economic Development Administration, and

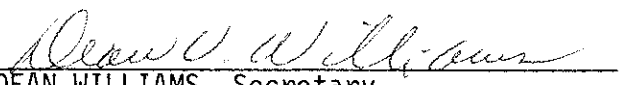
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors does request that the Congress and all other interested groups act so that the aforementioned programs will be retained within the Economic Development Administration at current or higher funding levels during the coming Fiscal Year.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Nashville, Tennessee, February 20-22, 1974, the above resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote.



HOWARD E. TOMMIE, President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.
Chairman, Seminole Tribe of Florida



DEAN WILLIAMS, Secretary
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.
President, Seneca Nation of New York