## USET RESOLUTION NO. 74-26

## American Indian Medical School

- WHEREAS, On July 8, 1970, the President of the United States affirmed that the health of the American Indians was 20-25 years behind that of the rest of the American people, and
- WHEREAS, the President of the United States stated "....the time has come to break decisively with the past and to create the conditions for a new era in which the Indian future is determined by Indian acts and Indian decisions ...." and
- WHEREAS, the Navajo Tribal Council called upon Elliot Richardson, then Secretary of DHEW, to conduct a feasibility study to see if an American Indian Medical School could be established to improve upon the severe health manpower shortage among American Indians, and
- WHEREAS, the Richardson Feasibility Study Team did in fact report that an American Indian Medical School and a Health Professions Education Center could be achieved to improve the health of all American Indians and Alaskan Natives.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes Inc. hereby endorses and supports and pledges cooperation with the Navajo Health Authority in its efforts to establish an American Indian Medical School to the end that the health of American Indians and Alaskan Natives is improved.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. hereby respectfully requests all officials, offices and agencies of the federal government, the various states, the various tribes and the various funding agencies to assist in every manner possible, the fullest, most complete, and immediate development of the Navajo Health Authority and the American Indian Medical School.
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. would encourage wide regional inter-tribal council participation in the governing board of the proposed American Indian Medical School.

## 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 New Iberia, Louisiana on November 13-15, 1974, the above resolution was duly adopted.

Président

United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.

Secretary

United Southeastern/Tribes, Inc.