## UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

## RESOLUTION NO: 75-07

RE: LUMBEE BILL

- WHEREAS, a Bill has been introduced in Congress to remove the restrictive language of P.L.83-570 (H.B. 4007 and S.B. 159); and
- WHEREAS, passage of that Bill would be detrimental to the best interests of federally-recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, a proper definition of American Indian must be established with input from federally-recognized Indian Tribes before federal recognition can be given to any group requesting it or services intended for American Indians can be given to them.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that USET, Inc., is opposed to passage of H.B.  $\underline{4007}$  and S.B.  $\underline{159}$ ; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other regional and national Indian organizations be informed of the dangers of these Bills and encouraged to oppose their passage.

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a regular meeting of the USET Board of Directors properly convened and held in Nashville, Tennessee, May 21-23, 1975, the above resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote.

JONATHAN ED TAYLOR, Vice President United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

ERNEST SICKEY, Secretary/ United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana