## UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO: 75-09

RE: ESTABLISHING A NATIVE AMERICAN TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the current energy shortage is placing great demands on Indian owned energy resources; and

WHEREAS, these demands threaten the use of these energy resources in a way which threatens the well being of Indian Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that USET, Inc., urges the President of the United States to establish and implement a policy to protect the rights of Indian Tribes to determine how, when and if their energy resources will be developed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States establish a Native American Task Force to work within the framework of the Energy Resources Council whose functions shall include the following:

- (a) insure that the federal trust responsibility to Indian people is followed in all federal activities pertaining to national energy policy;
- (b) develop a plan by which the federal government would provide tribal leaders with the financial assistance necessary to procure independently the kind of information necessary for them to be able to make informed decisions regarding the development of their own resources;
- (c) provide continuing advice in the development of energy policy and concurrently provide information to the Indian community on the thinking of the energy policy makers;
- (d) develop a program of safeguards against the violation of the rights of Native American tribal property owners.

## 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
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