UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO: 75-23

RE: CHITIMACHA AND COUSHATTA ONAP PROGRAMS

WHEREAS: The Chitimacha and the Coushatta Tribes of Louisiana have applied for and received Grants from the ONAP;

WHEREAS: The Tribal purpose in applying for and receiving these Grants was to improve the Tribal administrative systems and Tribal Government as well as to identify additional sources of Tribal development;

WHEREAS: The Chitimacha and the Coushatta Tribes of Louisiana have advertised for the position of Director of the Program, the Tribal Councils have determined that the only suitable Director to carry out the intent of the Tribal Program is the Tribal Chairman;

WHEREAS: Other USET Tribes have received approval from ONAP for the hiring of Tribal Chairmen or Chiefs as Directors of the NAP Program;

WHEREAS: USET, Inc., considers any refusal by ONAP to accept the Chitimacha and the Coushatta Tribes' choice of Tribal Chairmen as Program Directors an interference with the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the Chitimacha and Coushatta Tribes and an interference with the Tribal government which underminds Tribal sovereignty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that USET fully supports the position of the Chitimacha and Coushatta Tribes of Louisiana in their request for approval in the hiring of Tribal Chairmen as Directors of the NAP Programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USET considers any delay or refusal to approve these selections of Director an interference with Tribal government by the ONAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff of USET are directed to take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution enlisting the support of NCAI, NTCA and all congressional representatives for this resolution as it deems necessary.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a regular meeting of the USET Board of Directors properly convened and held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 8-9, 1975, the above resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote.

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

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