UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-19

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs present system of budgeting allocation, BAND Analysis, is designed to utilize the Tribes' projections and priorities when allocating funds, and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs arbitrarily determines which programs will be included in the BAND Analysis for any particular Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS the Tribes are required to prioritize and project funding levels two years in advance, and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs advocates that the Tribes have input into the program, the Tribes, in reality are forced to eliminate or curtail other programs to increase a particular program, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. are vigorously opposed to the present application of the BAND Analysis approach to funding Tribal Programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. go on record strongly opposing the "BAND Analysis" as a means of funding Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs. And the United Southeastern Tribes Executive Board recommends to the Bureau of Indian Affairs a new method and procedure of funding Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs. And the United Southeastern Tribes Board of Directors requests that the Bureau of Indian officials the opportunity to have input in establishing a new procedure for funding priorities for Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs.

Howard E. Tommie, President United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.

Ernest Sickey, Secretary/ United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.