

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 77-2

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. believes the responsibility and jurisdiction for the fulfillment of the trust responsibility of the United States toward Indian tribes and the authority for administration of federal programs for the benefit of Indian people has become widely diffused throughout numerous departments and agencies of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, This dispersal of authority has prevented development within the Executive Branch of the federal government of a coordinated, integrated, and efficient policy for the protection of Indian rights and interests; and

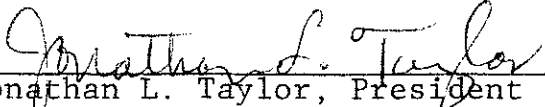
WHEREAS, the President of the United States possesses the ultimate authority for development and administration of the trust responsibility and the obligations in law of the Federal government; and

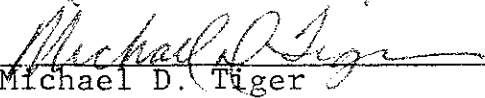
WHEREAS, the position will be filled by a qualified Indian; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. urges the President of the United States to create within the White House a Special Assistant for Indian affairs and to charge such assistant with responsibility for coordinating all policy making functions of the Executive Branch concerning Indian affairs.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Hollywood, Florida, on February 15-16, 1977, the above resolution was duly adopted.


Jonathan L. Taylor, President
United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.


Michael D. Tiger
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