WHEREAS: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has, for the past three years, received grants under Title IV of the Indian Education Act for a Cherokee Star program, and on June 1, 1977, submitted application for a fourth year; and

WHEREAS: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has not received normal notification of denial of its grant application from the Office of Indian Education, of HEW, but has been told informally that the program is being terminated; and

WHEREAS: It appears that project officers in Washington were instructed not to notify applicants of denials unless the applicants made inquiries; and

WHEREAS: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians believe that considerations other than grant standards were used in determining the Cherokee Star program would not be renewed in Cherokee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT USET does hereby formally protest the unfair consideration and treatment of the Office of Indian Education of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's application for Title IV funds.

Be it further resolved that USET formally request the Secretary of the appropriate division of HEW to make a full investigation into the procedural standards and means used to determine the awarding of the Cherokee Star Grant and the possible abuse of standards and procedures by the Office of Indian Education.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Executive Board of United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Nashville, Tn. on September 8, 1977, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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

Mike Tiger
Secretary, United Southeastern Tribes, Inc.