SUPPORT FOR ITC OF LOUISIANA IN INDIAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana is an organization comprised of four tribes, Coushatta, Chitimacha, Jena Choctaws, and Houmas of Dulac, and

WHEREAS, this organized entity is a group that exercises powers to establish goals and priorities to better their respective communities and is concerned about preservation of their traditional values and heritage, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the ITC recognizes the role of self-determination and strives to work fully towards fulfillment of this concept, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of ITC of Louisiana is now being handicapped and threatens the same concept that was developed by the leadership of ITC, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced and acted upon in support of persons that lack criteria of Indian heritage and background as well as legislation that lacks input from traditional tribes, and

WHEREAS, the leadership now in the State Office dealing with Indian matters is not recognizing the concern and interest of traditional tribes in Louisiana such as represented by ITC of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the concerns of the ITC of Louisiana are also problems common to the Southeast area and concerns all member tribes of USET in the fact that issues now presented and in the future will uniformly affect all;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors endorse and support ITC of Louisiana in opposing such activities detrimental to the cause and efforts of traditional tribes in Louisiana petition jointly with ITC, the leadership of the state, to
acknowledge the view of the traditional tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Hilton Head, South Carolina on May 31 - June 2, 1978, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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