United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Resolution No. 79-14

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes is an inter-tribal council representing ten federally recognized American Indian tribes in the Eastern United States, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Area Office is mandated by Congress to provide services to federally recognized Indian tribes in the Eastern United States, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes is composed of thirty elected officials from the ten member tribes representing 30,000 Indian people in the East, and

WHEREAS, funding for the Bureau Services for the Eastern Area tribes has been historically low because we feel, there has been lack of communication between the Bureau and the tribes in regards to their real needs, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has asked for, made time on the agenda for, and has expected to meet with Bureau officials at their Board meetings on numerous occasions, only to be disappointed by the lack of attendance; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET, Inc. ask that in the future that if required, attendance at the USET Board of Directors meetings take first priority with the Bureau administration; now

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the future when issues of importance to the self determination of the USET member tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are confronting us that a greater emphasis be placed on proper communication on these issues from the Bureau to the member tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Full Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Philadelphia, MS at the Choctaw Reservation on May 16 through May 18, 1979, the above resolution was duly adopted.

Michael D. Tiger  Curtis Osceola
President               Secretary
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