## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. Resolution No. 79-26

- WHEREAS, The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. is an inter-tribal council representing ten federally recognized Indian Tribes in the Eastern United States, and
- WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs is mandated by law to provide services to the member tribes of USET, and
- WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior, Mr. Forrest Gerard, is responsible for the overall operations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
- WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Forrest Gerard, at a meeting in Falls Church, Virginia in September, 1978, promised to meet with the elected leadership of the USET tribes to further respond to numerous questions asked, and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of USET, Inc. has asked Mr. Gerard to attend meetings with the Board and Mr. Gerard has agreed to meet, was put on the agenda, and has repeatedly not attended the meetings with no reasonable explanation whatsoever, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mr. Gerard be censored for his disrespect for the elected leaders and the people of the member tribes, without whom there would be no need for his position, and now
- THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of USET, Inc. will no longer tolerate this type of discourteous treatment and in the future will respond to Mr. Gerard only if it is convenient to the Board.

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a properly convened meeting of the full Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., held in Cherokee, North Carolina on June 27 -29, 1979, the above resolution was duly adopted.

Michael D. Tiger, President

Cartis Osceola, Secretary