## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

## RESOLUTION NO. 82-103

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes is an Inter-Tribal Council which represents twelve federally recognized American Indian Tribes in six eastern states; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has developed a scheme to re-align the Central and Area offices without proper imput from those Tribes affected; and
- WHEREAS, included in this scheme is the closure of the Eastern Area Office, BIA, and the Tribes presently served by this office will have to travel at a great hardship to themselves to Oklahoma and Minneapolis for service; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs can not justify from a cost or service provision standpoint the closure of the Eastern Area Office; now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the twelve member Tribes from six eastern states who represent 26,000 federally recognized American Indians go on record opposing the closure of the Eastern Area Office as it breaches the Trust Responsibility of the federal government to the Indian people in the east; and now
- THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the elected leadership hereby directs USET to take every means possible to stop the BIA from closing the Eastern Area BIA Office, and to carry out the intent of this resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Executive Committee meeting held at the Executive Inn, Nashville, Tennessee, March 2-3, 1982, at which a quorum was present.

Michael D. Tiger

President

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Secretary

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