WHEREAS, In a meeting April 27, 1982 between the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes and the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Operations) it was agreed that an Eastern Center would be maintained in Washington, DC with direct line authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Operations), and

WHEREAS, The proposed structure presented by the Bureau at the May 19th meeting is generally agreed to in principle, that in light of the historical inadequacies of Eastern Area Services as presently staffed, we question whether the proposed staffing will address the needs of the Indian tribes in the East, and

WHEREAS, We as the elected leadership of the Indian people in the East must be assured that the Bureau services will meet the needs of our people and we will not accept a continued erosion of those services, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes does hereby declare its support for the concept of the plan presented to us at our May 18 and 19 meeting to include the following:

- The name be the "Eastern Regional Service Center";
- The office remain in the Washington, DC area;
- That adequate staffing for the office be provided to insure proper service provision to the expanding Eastern service population;
- That we as the leadership be given the opportunity to assess the services provision capability of the Eastern Regional Services Center after a sufficient time of operation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at a Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, held on May 19, 1982.

Leonard V. Garrow
President, Interim

Curtis Osceola
Secretary