RESOLUTION NO. 83-131

WHEREAS, the member Tribes see the provision of health services as a trust responsibility of the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign right of each Tribe to determine who is a Tribal member, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service is mandated by the American people through Congress to provide health services to Indian people, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the member Tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes, maintain that blood quantum is not an issue as to who should receive health services, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Indian Health Service should not consider the use of blood quantum for the eligibility for services, but should acquiesce to the Eastern Tribes sovereign right to determine eligibility for health services.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was duly passed at the Semi Annual Board of Directors Meeting, November 15-16, 1983, Nashville, Tennessee, at which a quorum was present.

Leonard Garrow
President
United South & Eastern Tribes

Joel Frank
Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes