WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes is an organization whose membership consists of sixteen federally recognized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the provision of quality health care to the membership of the Tribes has been at the forefront of Tribal development; and

WHEREAS, Tribally controlled, operated and contracted health care systems are an effective mechanism for the improvement of the health status of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of the member Tribes and their Tribal Health personnel have attempted to work in a positive and cooperative manner with the Nashville Program Office Contracting Branch; and

WHEREAS, after much consultation among the leaders and upon the advice of their Health Directors it has become apparent that the NPO Contracting Officer, Mr. Hoyt Sparks has continuously hampered the self determination efforts of the Tribes through the contracting of their health systems; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected leadership of the USET member Tribes see's no alternative but to request the removal of Mr. Hoyt Sparks as the Contracting Officer in the Nashville Program Office; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nashville Program Director take immediate action in response to this request.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Semi Annual Board of Directors Meeting (May 16, 1984) in Miami, Florida at which a quorum was present.

Leonard V. Garrow
President
United South & Eastern Tribes

Joel M. Frank
Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes