WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes is an inter-Tribal council whose membership is comprised of sixteen federally recognized American Indian Tribes throughout the eastern United States; and

WHEREAS, the lack of safe and decent housing on the reservations is detrimental to the development of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, safe and decent housing is basic for providing a decent life-style for Indian people on the reservations; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Improvement Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has, in the past, greatly impacted the lack of housing on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Improvement Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been one of the most effective means for the development of housing on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the present administration has not seen fit to adequately fund the Housing Improvement Program within the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected leadership of the member Tribes of the United South and Eastern Tribes hereby go on record in support of the Housing Improvement Program provided through the Eastern Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the elected leadership of the eastern area Tribes support a continuation and strengthening of the HIP program within the Bureau.

CERTIFICATION

Leonard V. Garrow
President
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