

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

RESOLUTION NO. C-85-157

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDE FULL LEVELS OF INDIRECT COSTS UNDER P.L. 93-638 CONTRACTS WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, tribal governments with indirect costs rates legally established under the provisions of OMB Circular A-102, which provides that all federal agencies shall honor the indirect cost percentage established by the Tribe's cognizant agency, have consistently faced shortfalls in indirect costs recovery from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service; and


WHEREAS, these under-recoveries result from a different problem in each agency, i.e. BIA's consistent failure to request sufficient funds in the Contact Support Budget line to cover Tribal indirect costs, and IHS' failure to understand the difference between direct and indirect costs and its insistence that shortfalls in one should come from the other; and

WHEREAS, the BIA has endeavored to study the indirect costs situation, but has not succeeded in coming up with any recommendations which do not interfere with honoring the rate established by the cognizant agency; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., meeting at Cherokee, North Carolina, does hereby urge the BIA and IHS to honor established Tribal indirect costs rates through establishment of a separate budget line for such costs, and estimation of the amount of such costs in some sort of scientific manner prior to submission of the agency budgets to the Office of Management and Budget.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Executive Committee Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Cherokee, North Carolina, October 4, 1984.



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