UNITED SOUTH & EASTERN TRIBES, INC. RESOLUTION 182

WHEREAS, the member tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) engage in a very high level of P.L. 93-638 contracting to administer Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) programs and services; and

WHEREAS, all of the USET member tribes have negotiated indirect cost rates in compliance with OMB Circular A-87 to cover their costs of administering such contracts with the BIA; and

WHEREAS, the BIA has consistently and significantly under-estimated and failed to request from the Congress adequate funding to pay tribes the full amount of their negotiated indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, the consistent shortfall in contract support funding has resulted in large deficits for many tribes; and

WHEREAS, such funding shortfalls have the effect of discouraging contracting by tribes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract support budget for fiscal year 1988 is once again significantly under-estimated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the member Tribes of USET strongly urge the United States Congress to increase the fiscal year 1988 contract support appropriation of the BIA over their requested budget by no less than \$12 million and further that the BIA be directed to reimburse tribes at their full negotiated indirect cost rate.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Indirect Cost Meeting, March 11, 1987, in Washington, D.C., at which a quorum was present.

President

United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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