UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION C-87-178

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A BILL AMENDING PUBLIC LAW 93-638, THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

- WHEREAS, the Indian Self-Determination Act was signed into law by the President in early 1975, and
- WHEREAS, in the years since its enactment it has proven a valuable instrument for tribes to improve tribal government capabilities, enhance management systems, and provide better services to tribal members, and
- whereas, the Act, has, however, been opposed by the bureaucracy, the members of which have made regulations, procedures, and guidelines needlessly complicated for tribes, and have meddled with tribes' rights to indirect cost awards as provided in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, and
- WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for legislation to clarify the roles of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service in the contracting process and to establish a methodology for tribal indirect costs that is fair and equitable to tribes, and
- WHEREAS, a bill to amend the Act, H.R. 4174, was introduced in the 99th Congress and passed the House of Representatives, but expired in the Senate in the closing days of the session, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby urge the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to make amendments to the Indian Self-Determination Act a high priority on their legislative agendas, circulate draft legislation to tribal governments, and hold hearings to obtain tribal input.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting, January 21-23, 1987, Tampa, Florida, at which a quorum was present.

President

United South and Eastern Tribes

Secretary

United South and Eastern Tribes