UNIVERS 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