UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. B-87-187

WHEREAS, over the past decade, there has been a steady erosion in the number of Bureau of Indian Affairs programs covered by what is now know as the Indian Priority System, once called

the Band Analysis, and

WHEREAS, a very large portion of the total funds administered by the Bureau are now in "non-Banded" programs on which tribes can

have no budgetary input, and

WHEREAS, some of the programs which have been deleted by the BIA from the IPS system have included School Operations, Facilities Management, Housing Improvement, and, most recently, Self-Determination Grants and Roads Maintenance,

and

WHEREAS, many tribes have lost millions of dollars from their base Agency funding because programs to which tribes have added base funds in one year have been deleted from the IPS in

the following year; and

whereas, the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 requires the BIA to consult with tribes on the budget, not on a portion of the

budget; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes hereby requests the Senators and Representatives of the Congress of the United States to consider prescribing a system legislatively for the BIA which will fully address the consultation requirements of the Indian Reorganization Act.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly ____ at a United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held at Cherokee, North Carolina, May 19 through 21, 1987, at which a quorum was present.

Joel Frank, President

United South and Eastern Tribes

Julius Herne, Secretary

United South and Eastern Tribe