RESOLUTION No. B-88-208

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. represents seventeen federally recognized tribes in the South and Eastern United States, and

WHEREAS, the Job Training Partnership Act Program (JTPA) is performance driven in order to satisfy the performance standards set by the Department of Labor (DOL), resulting in the non-serving of the most economically and socially disadvantaged individuals, and

WHEREAS, the unemployment figures on reservations are grossly underestimated resulting in skewed performance standards, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor has negligible Indian representation in policy-making and monitoring positions, and

WHEREAS, the monitoring by the DOL of Indian JTPA grantees has been filled with inconsistencies, errors and subject to individual monitors' interpretations of rules, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board, with input from tribal leaders, participate in the oversight Congressional hearings calling for the overhaul of the performance standards, and adoption of Indian preference at the Department of Labor, and

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution was passed at the Annual Board meeting in Miami, FL, December 22-16, 1988, at which a quorum was present.

Joel Frank, President

Harold Tarbell, Secretary