## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-222

- WHEREAS, the USET Board has established the Health Directors Committee to provide the Board with information on and recommendations regarding the critical health policy concerns facing USET tribes, and
- WHEREAS, this Committee has reviewed the FY 1990 Appropriations Budget submitted by the President for the Indian Health Service, and
- WHEREAS, this budget proposes to utilize third party collections to meet the \$73 million funding needs of the tribal indirect cost fund, and
- WHEREAS, the use of such third party collections as an "offset" of tribal indirect costs is contrary to the provisions of P.L. 100-713, the Indian Health Care Amendments of 1988, Section 207 (b), and
- WHEREAS, the use of such third party collections as an offset would require a statutory amendment to P.L. 100-713, and
- WHEREAS, there is no guarantee that such third party collections would even be available for this use.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board officially oppose the use of third party collections to fund, or use as an offset to, the tribal indirect costs, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USET Board express its opposition to such use to the Congressional Appropriations Committees, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USET Board strongly urge these committees to provide direct funding of tribal indirect costs in the amount of \$73 million, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USET Board strongly urge these committees to reaffirm that all third party collections be available to the local facility from which they were collected for uses to be determined by the local facility.

## CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held in Washington, DC; February 13 through 16, 1989, at which a quorum was present.

Joe M. Frank, President

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Harold Tarbell, Secretary

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