UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. B-89-227

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST INCREASED FUNDING FOR OAA TITLE VI

WHEREAS,

Title VI of the Older Americans Act has been in operation since 1981, serving elderly Indians with nutritional and other services; and

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appropriations requested and enacted for Title VI have remained at a constant level of \$2 million, while the number of Indian grantees has nearly doubled since 1981, forcing the decline by nearly half of grantee entitlements, and thus drastically reducing the level of services provided to elderly Indians; and

WHEREAS,

the increase in grantees has been caused in part by the Administration on Aging itself, which last year sent letters to all federally-recognized tribes urging that applications be submitted; and

WHEREAS.

Congressman Edward R. Roybal has sponsored an amendment to the Fiscal Year 1989 Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2072, which has been approved by the House Appropriations Committee, to add funding up to \$3.3 million to the Title VI appropriation from unexpended Older Americans Act fiscal year 1989 funding; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes does hereby urge member Congressional delegations to support the Roybal amendment to H.R. 2072, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes does hereby urge the Senate and the House of Representatives to permanently raise the funding level for Title VI to \$4 million annually.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly <u>passed</u> at a United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held at Bar Harbor, Maine, June 4 through 9, 1989, at which a quorum was present.

Joel Frank, President

United South and Eastern Tribes

Harold Tarbell, Secretary

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