UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-250

REQUEST MORATORIUM ON ELIGIBILITY RULE

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board has established the USET Health Directors Committee for the purpose of reviewing issues of concern and policy regarding health care programs for and/or affecting USET member tribes, and to provide the Board with proposed recommendations and resolutions for the Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the USET Health Directors Committee has reviewed the issue of the IHS Final Rule on Eligibility (issued 9/17/87) and the current status of this Rule; and

WHEREAS, the current "hold" on the implementation of the Final Rule is dependent totally on the availability of funds needed to finance the cost of the Rule and does not adequately consider the impact of this Rule on Indian people, including the health care status of community members; and

WHEREAS, IHS has not completed the impact studies mandated by Congress in P.L. 100-713,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board request Congress to impose an indefinite moratorium until the Congressionally-mandated studies are completed, evaluated, reviewed and commented upon by the tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board encourage member tribes to use the USET Impact Week process to approach their Congressional delegations with this Resolution and the USET position on Eligibility.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Houston, Texas; November 15, 1989.

Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.