

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-255

REQUEST THAT THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF INDIAN EDUCATION IN BOTH THE BIA AND DOE HAVE TOP PRIORITY IN BEING FILLED

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

WHEREAS, there has been no permanent Director of Indian Education in both the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the United States Department of Education (DOE) for a combined total of well over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the tenuous nature of these top level positions has created instability, lack of direction, and poor overall program management in Indian Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, these two federal programs (BIA and DOE) provide the majority of funding for the educational needs of Indian children and adults, and require priority attention in order to sufficiently meet those needs; and

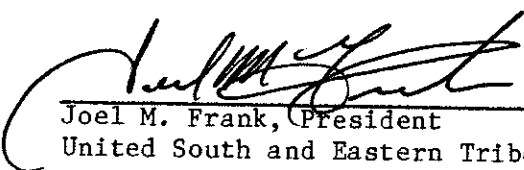
WHEREAS, the fact that filling these positions hitherto has seemed a low priority to the BIA and DOE, thus resulting in the programs (and ultimately the Indian people) suffering the consequences,

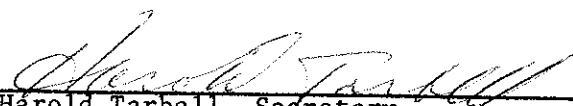
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board immediately send a letter to the President, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Interior, and the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) strongly advocating that the filling of these positions be a top priority, stressing that Indian preference be implemented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director of USET, the President of USET, and the Chairman of NACIE request a joint meeting with the President and Secretaries of Education and Interior to address these issues, preferably prior to Impact Week.

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.