## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-260

REQUEST THAT USET'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT THE SECRETARIES OF EDUCATION AND INTERIOR TO STRESS THE NEED FOR BIA'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS BE FORWARD FUNDED

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

whereas, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is the only Federal Program which is current year and not forward funded; and

whereas, this funding situation makes the planning of Indian Education Programs difficult and the financial burden heavy for Indian tribes, since tribes do not know the amount of the grant nor receive it until at least halfway through the school year; and

whereas, this uncertainty creates instability in programs and staff members, which in turn undermines the efficiency and quality of the programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board lobby for and strongly advocate that the BIA's Education Programs be forward funded, as other programs are within the Federal Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board's appointed representatives contact the Secretaries of Education and Interior to stress the need for this forward funding.

## 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

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