UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-264

REQUEST THAT BIA CONTINUE ITS PURSUIT TO INCREASE FUNDING AND PROGRAMS, AND TO ENSURE THAT SMALL SCHOOLS ARE PROVIDED WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF GIFTED AND TALENTED INDIAN CHILDREN

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

WHEREAS, Public Law 100-297 requires the BIA to fund Gifted and Talented programs in BIA and contract schools; and

WHEREAS, funding for Gifted and Talented is included in the FY 90 ISEP Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, current Gifted and Talented programs do not adequately serve the needs of small remote tribes, nor will funding based on a per-student allocation be adequate to meet these needs; and

WHEREAS, if services are to be equitable for all Gifted and Talented Indian children, additional resources and service alternatives must be examined by BIA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board endorses the BIA's efforts in behalf of Gifted and Talented Indian Children and petitions the BIA to continue in its pursuit to increase funding and programs, and to ensure that small schools are provided with sufficient resources and allowed to provide alternate programs such as a voucher system for individual families.

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.