UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-277

RESOLUTION ON IHS ALLOCATION OF MANDATORY INCREASE FUNDS

WHEREAS,	the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and
WHEREAS,	the USET Board has established the Health Directors Committee to review health-related needs and issues and to provide reports and recommendations to the Board; and
WHEREAS,	the Health Directors Committee has reviewed the current process by which FY 1990 Mandatory Increase funds are being allocated; and
WHEREAS,	this process has resulted in the "sharing" of funds equally between federal and tribal programs when certain types of the Mandatory Increase line items need to be shared only by 638 tribal contractors and grantees; and
WHEREAS,	this process has resulted in the 638 tribal grantees and contractors absorbing a disproportionate share of costs for federally-related programs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this allocation process, the tribes in the USET Area have, as a whole, lost a minimum of approximately

\$409,000 in FY 1990 Mandatory Increase funds; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory increases should be maintained at the same rate as Cost of Living/Cost of increased Health Care Costs relative to inflation figures to the cost of operating tribal contracts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board opposes the current method of allocating these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board requests Congress to "earmark" all future mandatory increase funds for "increased health costs under contracts and grants" for use by 638 tribal programs, and not to allow IHS to absorb federally-related costs with these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board, through the Executive Director and AOC, petition IHS to change any policy and/or regulation which would allow or mandate the sharing of these funds with federal programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC; March 8, 1990.

Jeel M. Frank, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Harold Tarbell, Secretary

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