UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-279

REQUEST FOR A MANDATE SUPPORTING PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS
FOR BIA/OIEP ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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 Education Committee to provide the Board with information on and recommendations regarding critical issues facing USET tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, has consistently appointed personnel on a temporary basis to fill critical positions (i.e. Director OIEP, EPA/EAO, Higher Education/School Operations Education Specialist EAO) thereby encouraging an image of instability and non-accountability; and

WHEREAS, the tender of temporary appointments is not conducive to the attraction of the most highly qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS, such temporary appointments have led to a string of transient administrators, not reflective of the bedrock commitment of the Native American community to the promotion of educational achievement; and

WHEREAS, under the provinces of Native American sovereignty and self-determination, USET is committed to quality education for its people under Native American guidance and accountable professional leadership,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board strongly urge permanent appointments be made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to all positions within the Office of Indian Education Programs in the Eastern Area Office and Central Office.

CERTIFICATION

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

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

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