

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-280

CONTACT THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
TO GET THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON INDIAN EDUCATION UNDERWAY

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

WHEREAS, the 100th Congress passed Public Law 100-297 (P.L. 100-297) authorizing the President to call and conduct a White House Conference on Indian Education at an unconfirmed date between September 12, 1989 and September 30, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the law provides that the Secretaries of the Interior and Education act jointly establish an Interagency Task Force to conduct planning for the Conference; and

WHEREAS, the wording further calls for the Secretaries of the Interior and Education to appoint "no less than two professional staff members and one support staff member" to work on the Task Force and on the Conference on a fulltime basis; and

WHEREAS, further provisions are stated requiring that the Secretary of the Interior shall provide office space, materials and allowances for mailings; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1989, \$500,000 was appropriated to implement the planning process for the Conference, which is to be divided between the Departments of the Interior and Education for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, no efforts in this regard have as yet proceeded by either Department; and


WHEREAS, the USET Education Committee feels very strongly that the Conference can have long-range effects and positive results for Indian Education and must take place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board immediately contact the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Senators Inouye and McCain, to support the need for the White House Conference on Indian Education and for the planning process to get underway; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board continue to support this Conference in its lobbying efforts.

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.