

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-285

USET OPPOSITION TO CURRENT BUDGETARY PRACTICES AND SUPPORT
FOR INCREASED FUNDING OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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

WHEREAS, Budgetary restrictions imposed by Office of Management and Budget have seriously reduced the overall services provided to tribal members; and

WHEREAS, in order to live within the overall limits allowed by the administration, additions to programs are often made by reductions to other programs which are important in the view of the tribes but not the administration; and

WHEREAS, the overall Funding of Education programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs is insufficient to meet the needs of Indian people, and the practice of moving resources from one area to another does little to address the serious unmet needs; and

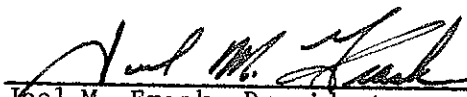
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has consistently ignored the costs of providing services which will meet the needs of all tribal members, and the administration has never shared the tribal identified needs with Congress in their budget requests,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT USET opposes the practice of robbing one program to fund another (such as the 3.1 million dollar reduction to the Johnson O'Malley program) without the express input of tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USET provides testimony that the Education Programs are in need of significant increases in Funding and Services in order that consistent, quality education can be provided to Indian children, both in the tribal and public schools systems.

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.