UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 91-14

USET SUPPORT FOR H.R. 972 - TO PERMANENTLY REVERSE THE <u>DURO</u> DECISION

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of nineteen (19) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in the <u>Duro</u> case ruled that Tribes lack criminal jurisdiction over members of other tribes; and

whereas, the <u>Duro</u> decision creates a serious vacuum in law enforcement in Indian country and undermines tribal sovereignty; and

Congressman Richardson of New Mexico has introduced legislation (H.R. 972) to overrule <u>Duro</u> and permanently restore to tribes criminal jurisdiction over all Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT USET supports enactment of H.R. 972, to preserve effective law enforcement in Indian country.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Tampa, Florida; on May 15, 1991.

Eddie L. Tullis, President United South and Eastern

Tribes, Inc.

Lovelin Poncho, Secretary United South and Eastern

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