UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 91-16

INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

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 Tribe's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act authorized bingo, pull tabs and similar games "whether or not electronic, computer or other technologic aids are used in connection therewith"; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee report to S.555 states that the committee intended this language regarding technology to provide Tribes with "maximum flexibility" and to permit technology to be used as long as it "does not change the fundamental characteristics of the bingo or lotto games"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is to promote Tribal economic development, and to protect Indian gaming for the benefit of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Commission should define terms consistent with that legislative purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Tribes, having reviewed the Act and its history, conclude that Class II games must include video bingo and video pull tabs and similar games where the games are played against other players; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USET urges the Commission to adopt a definition of Class II gaming to this effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USET shall develop testimony to submit to the Indian Gaming Commission consistent with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be transmitted to the Commission and to other Tribal organizations and that efforts be made to have this be the unified Tribal position on this issue.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting at which a quorum was present, in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 13, 1991.

Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Lovelin Poncho, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.