

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

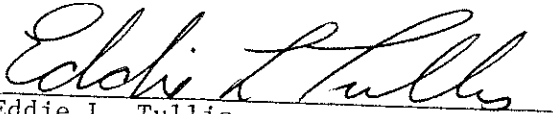
Resolution 91-7


USET SUPPORT INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF
INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

- WHEREAS, the Office of Indian Education Programs (OIEP) was established within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through Public Law 95-561, to strengthen and separate education programs within the Bureau; and
- WHEREAS, although P.L. 95-561 established OIEP as a separate office answering to the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, it did not address the question of administrative services for OIEP, including finance, procurement, and personnel administration; and these services were to be provided by the non-Education side of the Bureau ("BOB"- Balance of Bureau); and
- WHEREAS, being forced to depend on administrative services from staff not under its supervision, the OIEP has been forced into a stepchild role in the BIA bureaucracy; and
- WHEREAS, one pending plan would place OIEP under the BIA Commissioner rather than the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of USET, Inc. finds that OIEP needs to have firmly accountable administrative services, and direct access to the Office of the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs to reinforce the importance of the provision of an education to Indian children;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of USET, Inc. does hereby express its support for establishment of separate administrative functions for the OIEP; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of USET, Inc. does hereby urge the three Eastern Area Office representatives on the BIA Reorganization Task Force to oppose any recommendations to place the position of Director, OIEP, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C.; on 2-27-91, 1991.


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


Marie Osceola-Branch
Acting Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.