UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-07

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FY 93 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET

- whereas, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) 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 President of the United States has submitted his FY 1993 budget recommendations to the United States Congress; and
- whereas, the President's budget request, \$1.9 billion, appears to seek to maintain the majority of Indian Health Service (IHS) programs at current levels, however, to maintain programs at current levels, the budget requires the collection of \$84 million for third party collections and \$200 million through Medicare and Medicaid; and
- WHEREAS, the IHS, to date has collected approximately \$12 million for FY 1992, which indicates that collections proposed for FY 1993 are totally inappropriate;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors oppose those elements of the President's FY 1993 IHS budget request as the provisions contained within are totally inappropriate and additionally, violates trust and treaty responsibilities held by the United States Government for Indian Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC on February 27, 1992.

Eddie L. Tullis, President United South and Eastern

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Lovelin Poncho, Secretary United South and Eastern

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