SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE INDIAN STUDENT EQUALIZATION PROGRAM FORMULA

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 Bureau of Indian Affairs commissioned a study of the funding required for the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) formula, which determined a need of $3499 per weighted student unit (WSU) in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs study was limited in scope and did not include an analysis of projected costs to meet the goals of Indian America 2000 or other improvements desired by Tribal leaders; and

WHEREAS, the ISEP budget request for 1992 is only sufficient to provide $2717 in 1993 and needs to be increased by 57.5 million to fund the needed $3499 per WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports an increase to ISEP funding to meet the need; 57.5 million in fiscal year 1992, 64.5 million increase in 1993 and to the Tribally identified need for 1994.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Martha's Vineyard, MA on April 29, 1992.

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

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