UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-03MV

REQUEST FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED FORMULA FUNDING OF PUBLIC LAW 102-119 FUNDS

- 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 Office of Indian Education Programs (OIEP) is proposing to change the method of allocation for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (P.L. 102-119) flow through funds to a formula funding distribution; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed formula funding method has not been disseminated to Tribes for consultation and instead is being included in the Exceptional Education State Plan for "public comment"; and
- whereas, to the present, funding has been distributed to schools based on a project application which demonstrated unmet need which could fluctuate from year to year; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed formula funding draft method will result in overfunding to some schools and underfunding to others; and
- WHEREAS, this proposed funding method change will have such a serious funding impact on schools, and hence service to disabled Indian children that Tribal consultation is necessary as required by P.L. 100-297;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors is in opposition to the inclusion of a funding method change of such magnitude and effect to be included in a <u>State Plan</u>; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that USET requests that any proposed formula funding of P.L. 102-119 funds be included in Tribal consultation hearings as required by P.L. 100-297.

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.

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