UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.
RESOLUTION NO 93-10DC

OPPOSITION TO RESCIND THE $8 MILLION APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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 health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of members of USET; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress recognized that the Department of Defense (DOD) operations on or near Indian lands have caused severe environmental problems for many Indian Tribes, negatively impacting the health, safety, social, and economic welfare of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, section 9116 of P.L. 102-396 provides that "not less than $8 million shall be made available only for the mitigation of environmental impacts on Indian lands resulting from DOD activities, provided that the Secretary of Defense shall first enter into an agreement with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)"; and

WHEREAS, the DOD is attempting to rescind the Congressional directive, subsequently eliminating the $8 million appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the USET Tribes believe the DOD should be held accountable for the negative environmental impacts, caused by their activities, on and near Native American lands; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET hereby opposes the attempt of the DOD to rescind the $8 million appropriation to mitigate DOD environmental impacts on or near Indian lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET requests that the Defense Sub-Committee, Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Congress and the Secretary of Defense take measures to insure that DOD abides by the Congressional directive to transfer the $8 million to ANA and help mitigate DOD environmental impacts on or near Indian lands.
CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC, on February 25, 1993.

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

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Keller George, Secretary  
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