UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 93-13DC

SUPPORT ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS FOR FY 94, 95 AND 96

- 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 Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Department of Health and Human Services provides grants to Native American organizations to support the planning and implementation of tribal "social and economic development strategies" (SEDS); and
- whereas, the ANA SEDS grants provide valuable funds which help strengthen tribal economies, governments, organization, social and cultural programs; and
- whereas, the Regan and Bush Administrations have been insensitive to Native American needs by not supporting tribal appropriation requests for funding federal programs, including ANA; and
- WHEREAS, ANA's annual SEDS appropriation (FY 93 appropriation of \$34 million was appropriated in FY 93), including \$52 million, its regular SEDS program and \$8 million for funding of the "Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Act" P.L. 101-408; and
- WHEREAS, with the passage of the "Native American Language Act" (P.L. 102-524), ANA is authorized and additional \$2 million.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET hereby urges the President, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Congress to support and annual funding level of \$62 million (SEDS \$52 million; Environmental \$8 million; and Language Act \$2 million) for ANA for fiscal years 94, 95, and 96; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET supports the continued annual appropriation of the \$8 million (to be administered by ANA) from the Department of Defense (DOD), to continue environmental efforts on Indian lands involving DOD activities.

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, President United South and Eastern

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Keller George, Secretary United South and Eastern

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