UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 93-14DC

1992 AMENDMENTS TO THE JOB TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP ACT

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, USET has established an education committee comprised of representatives from their member tribes to provide an important delivery mechanism to promote and support education in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, the principal resources available to tribal governments and Indian organizations to provide employment and training services for Indian people are authorized by the Indian programs under the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA); and

WHEREAS, approximately thirty thousand (30,000) Indian and Native Alaskan workers in the United States are currently served by the Indian JTPA Title IV-A program; and

WHEREAS, the JTPA Title II-B Summer Youth Employment and Training program serves an additional ten thousand (10,000) Indian reservation and Native Alaskan youth; and

WHEREAS, due to their receiving Indian JTPA IV-A funds, grantees have been able to obtain additional employment and training resources through other federal, state and local governmental programs; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Indian JTPA Title IV-A programs retain flexibility in order to meet effectively the appropriate needs of Native Americans in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, Indian JTPA Title IV-A programs must remain flexible if they are to function in a manner consistent with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determinations as they have been set forth by the President of the United States and the United States Congress for the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, included in the 1992 amendments to JTPA, the Congress:

(a) acknowledged the unique government to government relationship with Native American governments
(b) confirmed the continued rights of tribal governments to mold their JTPA programs to suit their own needs
(c) mandated the Department of Labor (DOL) to establish a strong Indian office to work with Native American
grantees, as they administer JTPA programs
(d) mandated employment for Indian people and that
office be given special consideration
(e) created a permanent Native American JTPA Programs
Advisory Council which reports to the Secretary of
Labor and Congress; and

WHEREAS, the DOL announced by notice in the September 10, 1992
Federal Register that is intends to eradicate the Indian
JTPA programs flexibility by arbitrarily imposing
restrictions on participant eligibility requirements and
program services, which restriction were written
specifically for non-Indian programs and which were not
ever intended by Congress to be applied to Indian
programs; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken by DOL to establish and
effective and meaningful Indian office to administer JTPA
programs or to provide special consideration for the
employment of Indian people in that office despite the
mandate in the 1992 amendments to JTPA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET
hereby calls on the Secretary of Labor to suspend all
proposed changes to JTPA regulations except those
specifically mandated by Title IV-A of the 1992 Job
Training Reform Amendments until consultations have
resulted in an effective equally based dialogue with end
results that will meet the needs of Indian communities
and the participants they serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET
call on the President to direct DOL to adhere to the
provision of the Indian Self-Determination Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET call on
all Committees of Congress with appropriate jurisdiction,
along with all members of both houses, to intervene with
the Secretary of Labor toward these ends.

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.