## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

## RESOLUTION NO 93-15DC

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE INDIAN EDUCATION ACT OF 1988

- 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 United States Department of Education (DOE) has proposed that the appropriations of Chapter I, Substance Abuse and other DOE funds for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), tribes and Indian schools be moved to the Department of Interior; and
- whereas, the education programs within the Department of Interior has suffered from inadequate funding and limited ability to address needs for funding increases; and
- WHEREAS, the transfer of budgets out of the DOE may exclude Indian students from the benefits of general public support of education programs; and
- WHEREAS, the separation of Indian funds may make them easy targets for funding cuts and/or reprogramming with the Department of Interior.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET hereby opposes the transfer of DOE appropriations to the Department of Interior. These Appropriations should remain within the DOE budget.

## 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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