

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 93-16DC

PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATION TO THE INDIAN EDUCATION ACT

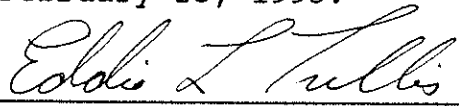
- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of 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 Indian Education Act includes regulations outlining the components necessary for having a formula grant program in local education agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Act was amended in 1988 to include Bureau/tribal operated schools, and in the process, much of the previous language regarding parent involvement and needs assessment was omitted; and
- WHEREAS,** these omissions in regulatory language increase the likelihood/possible incidence of abuse in public school Local Education Agency's (LEA's) in which a positive relationship does not exist with the Native community.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of USET hereby calls for restoration of specific language in the Indian Education Act reauthorization which includes parent committee functions, involvement, project design, evaluation and staff, (formerly 186a.31, .32, .52 and .53 in 1979 revisions); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that wording also be included to require committee membership to be elected by parents of Indian children to be served and that at least fifty one percent (51%) of the full parent committee consist of these Indian parents.

**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  
Tribes, Inc.

  
Keller George, Secretary  
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