UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 93-18DC

REAUTHORIZATION OF INDIAN EDUCATION ACT DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR INDIAN CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

- 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 discretionary grant funding for special educational services under Title V, Subpart I for Indian controlled schools; and
- WHEREAS, these discretionary grants allow Indian controlled schools to apply for funds to provide planning, pilot, demonstration and other projects to meet special education needs of Indian children; and
- the Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to WHEREAS, eliminate these discretionary grants, with the justification that these needs can be met by other existing programs under the Bureau or DOE programs; and
- WHEREAS, the elimination of these discretionary funds may in fact result in the loss of funding options for indian controlled schools who will then have to compete on a broader base for funds, or may find that funds for their needs are not available from other sources.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET hereby strongly recommends that the discretionary grants for Indian controlled schools under Subpart I of the Indian Education Act be preserved and not be eliminated.

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, Secrétary United South and Eastern

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