

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. ~~93-26~~LA

**RESOLUTION REGARDING FTE REDUCTION TO TRIBAL 638 CONTRACTING**

**WHEREAS**, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated(USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one(21) 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 is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the USET Board has established the USET Health Director's Committee for the purpose of reviewing issues of concern and policy regarding health care programs for and/or affecting USET member tribes, and to provide the Board with proposed recommendations and resolutions for the Board's consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, USET Tribes, are IHS 638 Contractors under the provision of P.L. 93-638, and P.L. 94-437 to establish and provide health care; and

**WHEREAS**, USET Tribes, according to information provided by IHS, the USET Tribes could not fill key health care provider positions under a commissioned Corps detail because of the reduction in FTEs imposed on the IHS by the FY 1994 Appropriation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, USET Tribes understood previously that Congress intended the FTE cut against administrative overhead be directed at IHS and not applied to curtail direct health services at service unit level.

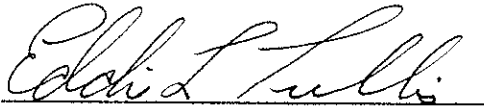
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors question and oppose the administrative action of IHS impose FTEs reduction to Tribal 638 Contractors and ask the IHS Acting Director, Michael Lincoln, for clarification of the decision to apply IHS's FTE cut and the three percent cut in administrative costs to 638 Tribal Contractors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to clarify the question whether it was the *INTENT OF CONGRESS* that these cuts should affect the right of Indian Tribes to continue the utilization of federal employees in the performance of their self-determination contracts for health care and note that language regarding the reduction in administrative costs under the budget request be applied "IN WAYS THAT LIMIT IMPACT ON DIRECT PATIENT CARE."



**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the Annual Board meeting at which a quorum was present in Lafayette, LA on December 8, 1993.



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



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

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