

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC

RESOLUTION NO. 93-05NC

**SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE
REORGANIZATION TASK FORCE**

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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,** the Joint Tribal/BIA/DOI Task Force on BIA Reorganization is composed of three tribal representatives from each of the 12 (twelve) BIA Areas plus federal representatives from the Bureau and the Department of the Interior, and was created at the direction of the Congressional committees by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** the President's FY 1994 budget apparently calls for a cessation in funding for the Task Force effective September 20, 1993; and
- WHEREAS,** thus far in its work, the Task Force has helped to keep the Bureau well-monitored on an ongoing basis during the course of its deliberation, which, in addition to its other work, has been valuable to tribal governments in preventing the Bureau from taking inappropriate actions without tribal consultation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Task Force has already 1) created a Bureau Office of Economic Development to make Bureau credit activities more responsive to tribal needs, 2) divided functions between the Assistant Secretary and a restored Commissioner position to reinforce the Assistant Secretary's policy-making responsibilities, 3) restructured and monitored operations of the Bureau's Central Office West in Albuquerque, 4) reinforced the statutory position of the Office of Indian Education Programs (OIEP) relating directly to the Assistant Secretary by providing for administrative services for OIEP separate from the balance of the Bureau's administrative services, 5) provide for establishment of an advisory board for continued monitoring of Bureau operations, and 6) and most importantly, established a Tribal Budget System providing for much more far-reaching tribal government involvement in the planning and implementation of the Bureau budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the Task Force has proven itself to be a valuable supplement to the government-to-government consultative relationship between each tribal government and the federal government, and a much-needed watchdog for Bureau of Indian Affairs and Interior Department

activities taking place throughout the lifetime of the Task Force (i.e., since December of 1991); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes that the work of the Task Force needs to be completed so that the Bureau can be fully reorganized and a new start made in full accordance with the policy of Self-Determination;

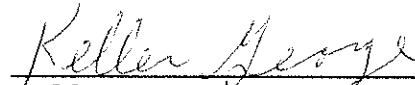
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board does hereby call upon the Congress of the United States to restore an additional year of funding for the operations of the Joint Tribal/BIA/DOI Task Force on BIA Reorganization in FY 1994 Interior Appropriations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on May 15, 1993.



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



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