UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-06-DC

NOMINATION OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

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, the position of Chairman and Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission is vacant; and

WHEREAS, the position of Chairman is nominated by the President and requires Senate confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the position of Chairman is one of the most important Clinton Administration nominations and which will have a substantial effect on Indian gaming and Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Indian gaming is one of the few viable Indian economic enterprises available to Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, any nominee should be highly qualified by having a substantial knowledge of the government-to-government relationship between the federal government and the Indian Tribes and Indian gaming and the necessary leadership and interpersonal skills which will allow him or her to be a credible official among competing parties; and

WHEREAS, there are highly qualified American Indians who could serve as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission and the position should be filled by an American Indian; and

"Because there is strength in Unity"
WHEREAS, the Clinton Administration informally made it known that it may nominate a person who is not a American Indian.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United South and Eastern Tribes does hereby authorize and direct its Chairman to communicate to the President, the Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Senator Daniel Inouye and the Chairman of the Native American Affairs Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee, Bill Richardson, that it supports the nomination of a qualified American Indian to be the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission and that the President should make a good faith demonstration of nominating such a person by conducting a search and interviewing such American Indian candidates.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 24, 1994.

Eddie L. Tullis, President
USET, Inc.

Keller George, Secretary
USET, Inc.