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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-11-DC

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR THE
IHS DIABETES PROGRAM IN FY 1995**

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 Directors' 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, more than 300,000 American Indians suffer from diabetes, half of whom are unaware that they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, the rate of diagnosed diabetes in American Indians is 142 percent higher than the U.S. average and the rate of diabetes mortality is 259 percent higher than the U.S. average; and

WHEREAS, the complications of diabetes, blindness, lower extremity amputations, kidney disease, stroke and heart disease, affect American Indian communities in disproportionate numbers; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program is the leading federal organization responsible for lessening the impact of diabetes in American Indians; and

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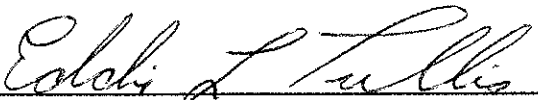
WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program is woefully underfunded, receiving less than 1/2 of one percent of the total Indian Health Service budget, and reaches less than 20 percent of the American Indians who can benefit from its services; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and its health related complications is identified as one of the major health care issues of USET Tribes.

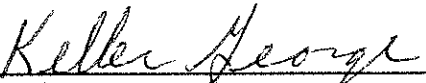
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United South and Eastern Tribes urges the United States Congress to provide an additional \$10 million for the IHS Diabetes Program in FY 1995 in order to address this alarming problem.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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