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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-16-DC

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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, new school construction and/or replacement construction funds are one of the most critical needs facing Bureau funded schools due to deteriorating facilities, increased enrollment, and programmatic demands; and

WHEREAS, limited congressional appropriations for school construction and numerous requests made annually for new educational facilities remain unanswered; and

WHEREAS, the BIA has proposed studying alternative funding mechanisms, one of which would allow a tribe to enter into a lease agreement with the Bureau under which the tribe would construct a facility with a guaranteed annual lease payment from the Bureau to pay back the cost of construction.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors strongly supports the further investigation of alternative funding of school construction and strongly encourages the BIA to begin examining the feasibility of such funding for presentation to tribes for consultation during the 1994-95 Tribal Consultation Process.

“Because there is strength in Unity”


USET RESOLUTION 94-16-DC

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Annual Board 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.