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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 94-27-DC

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST REASSIGNMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE EASTERN AREA OFFICE

- 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, B.D. Ott has been the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Eastern Area Office for nearly ten years, since the retirement of Harry Rainbolt; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Ott announced to the assembled USET tribes in Lafayette, Louisiana, in December of 1993 that he was retiring from his position in October of 1994; and
- WHEREAS, if there is to be a change in leadership in the Eastern Area Office, it would be good if it would occur as soon as possible, so that whoever is appointed Director would have the longest possible time to accomplish tasks before the Clinton Administration completes its first term; and
- WHEREAS, the Eastern Area Office has lost its sense of mission and is in need of reorganization in order that it might more efficiently serve as a service provider and advocate for the tribal governments in the Eastern Area.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby request the Secretary of the Interior to reassign B.D. Ott to some other responsibility, outside of the Eastern Area Office, and to initiate the process of filling the position as soon as possible; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby authorize the USET Executive Director to carry out such other and further actions as may be necessary to communicate the intent of this Resolution, including contacting the Secretary and the appropriate Congressional committees.

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.

RESOLUTIONS #27 AND #28 WERE COMBINED.