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RESOLUTION No. 11/94-01FL

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - FEDERAL CHILD NEGLECT LAW

**WHEREAS,** The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) federally recognized tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET 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,** child abuse and neglect are serious problems on Reservations and an adequate criminal justice system is crucial to the resolution of these problems; and

**WHEREAS,** incidents have occurred on reservations involving severe child neglect in the past and will continue in the future wherein criminal prosecution in Federal Court under the Major Crimes Act is not possible; and

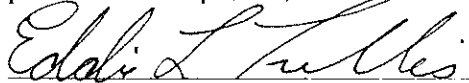
**WHEREAS,** Courts of Indian Offenses do not provide an adequate forum to address criminal acts of so serious nature; and

**WHEREAS,** due to these gaps in the law, no legal redress or jurisdiction exists for families and children who have been victimized by severe child neglect in many instances.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors direct the President of USET to contact the appropriate personnel in Washington D.C. to change or amend the language contained in PL 101-630 to adequately and appropriately address the issues surrounding severe child neglect in Indian Country. The passage of such language will result in an amended law (PL 101-630) thereby adequately addressing child neglect on Indian Reservations.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Tampa, FL, on the 10th day of November, 1994.



Eddie L. Tullis, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Keller George, Secretary

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***"Because there is strength in Unity"***