UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

RESOLUTION No. 11/94-02FL

USET BOARD TO ENDORSE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

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, USET is firm committed to the goal of enhancing the delivery of social services/child welfare services to Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board has established the USET Social Services Committee for purpose of reviewing issues of concern for policy regarding social service issues for and/or affecting USET member tribes and to provide the board with proposed recommendations and for the board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the USET Social Service Committee has adopted the attached By-laws for considerations by the USET Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the By-laws are to be used to conduct official business by the USET Social Services Committee from time-to-time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors endorse the USET Social Services Committee By-laws as attached.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Tampa, FL, on the 19th day of November, 1994.

Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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

"Because there is strength in Unity"
1. GOVERNANCE

The Social Services Committee shall be under the authority of the USET Board whose purpose is to advise the USET Board on Social Services issues. The Social Services Committee will collaborate with all USET committees to address the social services issues of concern to USET membership.

2. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Officers shall be elected at the USET Annual Fall Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years.

3. COMMITTEES

The Chairperson may appoint members of the Social Services Committee to serve on any sub-committee as needed. The representative(s) to external committees representing the Social Services Committee shall include, but not limited to Self-Determination Committee, and any other special committee requiring a USET representative, shall be appointed by the Chairpersons and approved by the Social Services Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Social Services Directors of these tribes in good standing with USET requirements shall be members of the committee and shall have voting privileges. In the absence of the Social Service Director, a person designated in writing by the Social Service Representative may attend meetings and exercise voting rights.

5. Quorum

A majority of members who pre-registered to attend a regular scheduled USET Social Service Committee meeting and who are entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

6. PROXY

If an appointed representative is unable to attend, a Proxy must be brought to the Social Service Committee Chairperson if a representative is filling in for a delegate.
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7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Chairperson: The Chairperson shall develop an agenda polling members for items to be included; preside at all meetings, shall appoint subcommittees; shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees; and shall perform other duties as may be prescribed or assigned to him/her by the USET Board.

Vice Chairperson: The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

Secretary: The secretary shall provide for the keeping of an accurate record of all meetings and shall perform such other duties as delegated by the Social Services Committee. The Secretary shall provide minutes for approval at the next regular meeting and shall prepare reports for the USET Board.

8. AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Any amendments to these By-Laws require the approval of the Board of Directors, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.