UNUNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES

RESOLUTION No. 11/94-06FL

OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF PRIMARY AUTHORITY OF PL 101-630 FROM BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

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, the purpose of SB2075 is intended to re-authorize and improve services provided by PL101-630, Title IV, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act; further, this said legislation removes the primary authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for implementing the Act, and places that authority with the Indian Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Social Services programs have the knowledge and skill to administer program accountability, investigations, provision of services and coordination of activities for child protection; and

WHEREAS, all of the Eastern Area tribes in attendance at the Bureau of Indian Affairs consultation meetings held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in August 1994 went on record as being opposed to the transfer of authorization from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Indian Health Services of PL101-630.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors direct the President of USET to inform in writing by November 14, 1994 the opposition in SB 2075 the Transfer of Primary Authority of PL101-630 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Indian Health Services to the following persons: Assistant Secretary Ada Deer, Senator John McCain, Senator Daniel Inouye, and Acting Director Carol Bacon.

"Because there is strength in Unity"
CERTIFICATION

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

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

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