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RESOLUTION NO. 11/94-16FL

BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE INDIAN USE AND OCCUPANCY

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 Tribe’s leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) has traditionally
been used by the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of
Indians of Florida, for hunting, fishing, traditional and
ceremonial purposes, gathering medicine plants, and as a
source for chickee building materials; and

WHEREAS, the BCNP recently contracted an ethnographic study of the
traditional use of the Preserve by the Miccosukee Tribe,
and Seminole Tribe of Florida, and Independent Indians; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for said Ethnographic study is to limit the
Indian use of the BCNP through regulations on Indian Use
and Occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the last time the BCNP proposed Indian Use and Occupancy
regulations said regulations set limits on population
growth, restricted use for chickee building materials, and
discouraged Indian use of the BCNP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors do
hereby request that the National Park Service and BCNP recognize the
Miccosukee, and Seminole Tribal rights in the BCNP by not limiting
their usage of the BCNP.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at
which a quorum was present, in Tampa, Florida, on November 10, 1994.

Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes

Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes

"Because there is strength in Unity"