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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 11/94-17FL

TRANSFER OF THE MICCOSUKEE TRIBE OF INDIAN OF FLORIDA'S
TAMIAMI TRAIL RESERVATION FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

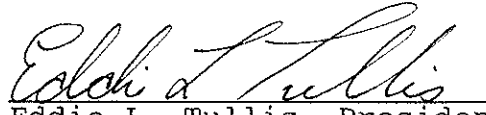
- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member Tribe's leadership; and
- WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe, of Indians of Florida (Miccosukee Tribe) and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, (Seminole Tribe) are under a Special Use Permit from the Secretary of Interior for the Tamiami Trail Reservation which is located within the boundaries of Everglades National Park(ENP); and
- WHEREAS, this places the Miccosukee Tribe, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, in a unique position unprecedented in Indian Country by forcing the Miccosukee Tribe, and the Seminole Tribe to ask permission from ENP to exercise its Tribal Sovereignty rights when it comes to construction and other normal functions exercised routinely by Tribes throughout the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the ENP has consistently shown its refusal to act on such requests in a timely manner and generally is a poor Trustee with very little knowledge of their Trust Responsibility to the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Florida; and
- WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Florida, has documented such proof of this poor trusteeship to the USET member Tribes.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby support the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Florida's continued requests to the Secretary of the Interior to aid the Miccosukee Tribe, and Seminole Tribe of Florida in transferring the Tamiami Trail Reservation from the National Park Service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the Miccosukee Tribe and Seminole Tribe of Florida.

"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 November 11, 1994.


Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes


Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes