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Resolution No. 94-41-TN

PUGET SOUND N. A. S. TRANSFER TO MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

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, Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self Determination and Education Act of 1975, allows Tribes sponsored by the BIA/DOI to access excess real and personal property to fulfill the scope of work of 638 Tribal contracts/grants that provide essential services to Tribal members, and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Property Disposal Act of 1949 has provided the guidance in the disposition of excess and surplus property in the past, and,

WHEREAS, The Base Closure Act of 1988 gives the authority to dispose of surplus real property to the perspective armed forces (Navy, Army, Air Force) that was previously held by the General Services Administration (GSA), under the guidelines of the above mentioned property disposal process, and

WHEREAS, The Armed Forces are choosing not to recognize PL 93-638, because the Defense Appropriations Act of 1993, incorrectly places Tribal Governments as equal to States, thus putting them in the surplus screening arena instead of the excess level with other Governmental Agencies, and

WHEREAS, The Defense Appropriations Act of 1993, the Base Closure Act of 1988 and the interim Rule (Title 29) do not recognize this unique Government to Government Relationship that Tribes enjoy with the Federal Government.

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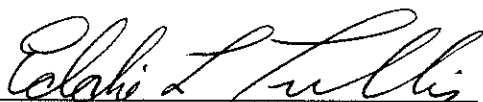
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED : that the United South and Eastern Tribes strongly supports amending the Base Closure Act Interim Rule (Title 29) and the Defense Appropriations Act 1994 to recognize the Tribes as Governments and not equal to States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: USET strongly urges the Armed Forces to recognize PL93-638 in that it is the law of the land and does apply to Base Closures until as such time, the above mentioned amendments can be made placing the Tribes in the proper screening level, and,

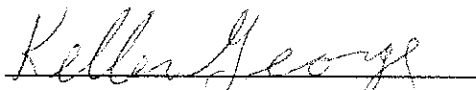
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That USET strongly Supports the transfer of Puget Sound Naval Air Station to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington, State and requests Secretary Babbitt to secure the property for the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Spring Board Meeting at which a quorum was present in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 27, 1994



Eddie Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes



Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes