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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES Resolution No. 94-42-TN

RESTORATION OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA CENTRAL COUNCIL TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS LIST OF RECOGNIZED TRIBES

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 Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian tribes of Alaska (Tlingit and Haida Central Council) is a federal recognized tribe pursuant to the Act of June 19, 1935, as amended by the 1965 Judgment Act, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) left the Tlingit and Haida Central Council off the list of tribes published in the Federal Register October 23, 1993, without due process, and
- WHEREAS, the Tlingit and the Haida Central Council has been on the list of tribes published in the Federal Register along with the other federally recognized tribes in Southeast Alaska since the BIA began publishing this list with Alaska tribes on it in 1982, and
- WHEREAS, the restoration of Tlingit and Haida Central Council will not add to the federal governments cost of serving the Tlingit and Haida people since they are already a self-governance Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the removal of Tlingit and Haida Central Council from the list without due process and without justification sets a very dangerous precedence of expanding the authority of the Administrative branch of the federal government of unilaterally extinguishing the government to government relationship of a federally recognized tribe without an expressed act of Congress, and

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- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) is very concerned that the establishment of such a policy will seriously undermine the government to government relationship that tribes have with the United States.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United South and Eastern Tribes object to the BIA action and of removing the Tlingit and the Haida Central Council from the list of federally recognized tribes as published in the Federal Register without due process or legal foundation, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that USET supports S. 1784, An Act to restore the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska back onto the list of tribes as published in the Federal Register.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Semi-Annual Board meeting, at which a quorum was present in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 27, 1994

Eddie Tullis, President

United South and Eastern Tribes

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Keller George, Secretary

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