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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 2/95-01IMP

H.R. 4, WELFARE REFORM ACT

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 tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes provide a broad range of services to their members and may Federal statutes provide direct funding to Tribes for these services; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the Tribes and their members must not be overlooked in any welfare reform legislation and under no circumstances are program funds for tribal members to be administered through the States; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives is scheduled to mark-up the proposed H.R. 4, the Welfare Reform Act, in concept on Monday, February 20, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes have neither been consulted by the Ways and Means Committee nor any other Committee or Subcommittee of the House of Representatives regarding this legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors strongly recommends to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that:

1. Tribes be an integral part of the national welfare reform effort; and
2. Tribes be consulted regarding H.R. 4, the Welfare Reform Act, directly in a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee or its Subcommittee on Human Resources or in an oversight hearing before the Committee on Resources or its Subcommittee on Native and American and Insular Affairs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should H.R.4, the Welfare Reform Act, proceed without Tribal consultation and with a block grant funding approach, the following new statutory language be adopted:

"... tribal governments be funded directly in block grants in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the total amount appropriated for each of Titles I, II, IV, and V;

"... the Secretary, in consultation with Tribal governments, develop programs consistent with the goals that adhere to Tribal cultural economic, and social characteristics;

"... that the United States, every state, every territory, or possession of the United States, and every Indian Tribe shall give full faith and credit to the public acts, record, and judicial proceedings of any Indian Tribe applicable to Indian child support proceedings of any other entity, and that any State-tribal or inter-tribal agreements concerning child support proceedings be recognized and accommodated; and

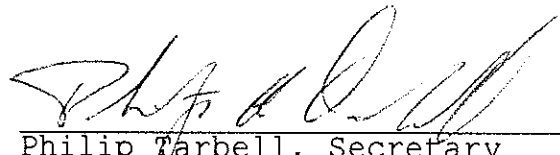
"... any job training, education, and job creation programs developed for or by the States shall also be available, or apply to, Indian tribes."

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 1995.



Keller George, President
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Philip Farbell, Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.