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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 2/95-12IMP

NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES ACT FUNDING

- 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 Native American Language Act of 1992 was funded in 1994 under the Administration for Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** 158 applications were submitted of which 18 were funded at a cost of \$1.9 million, exceeding the allocation of \$1 million and at the same time awarding funds to each grantee at less the amount requested; and
- WHEREAS,** the large number of applications received indicates the urgency and need for many tribes to address language and cultural preservation; and
- WHEREAS,** further indicative of the need is the data alone: 155 Native American languages are still spoken in the U.S. and of these 135 are spoken only by older adults and are in jeopardy of being lost; and
- WHEREAS,** the above facts clearly indicate that insufficient funds have been appropriated for the effective implementation of the Native American Languages Act passed in 1992; and
- WHEREAS,** the present method for accessing the limited funding creates competition between and among tribes, with smaller tribes unable to commit the required resources to support a grant; and
- WHEREAS,** past federal policies which promoted assimilation of Native Americans into the dominant society, served as the primary contributing factor to the loss of Native American languages in the first place; and

"Because there is strength in Unity"

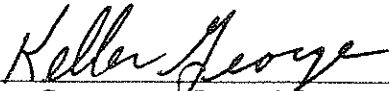
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WHEREAS, without sufficient funding to effectively support the full implementation of the Native American Language Act, the present federal policy is again contributing to the demise of native languages of the remaining unfunded tribes.

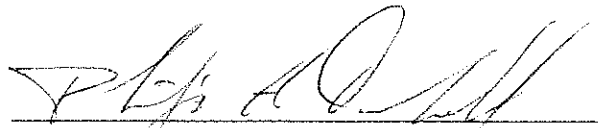
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board advocates for the appropriation of increased funding of the Native American Language program under the ANA Administration.

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 Tarbell, Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.