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**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. 2/95-13IMP

**AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITMENT**

- 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,** 89% of American Indian children in the United States attend public schools nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** according to Federal Treaties with Indian Tribes, and the Synder Act of 1921, the federal government is responsible for the health, education, and welfare of Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Education and Self-Determination Act of 1975, tribes are determined to hold sovereignty status, which is of a higher sovereign status than a State's status; and
- WHEREAS,** historically, states have no lasting commitment or valuable knowledge in working directly with Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the education of American Indian Children is critical to the future sovereignty and well-being of Indian Tribes.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the United South and Eastern Tribes firmly oppose any attempt to transfer Educational Services to Indian Children and Indian set-asides at the U.S. Department of Education to state-level jurisdictions; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the U.S. Department of Education remain intact to provide the necessary leadership for AMERICA GOALS 2000 and NATIVE AMERICAN GOALS 2000; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Federal Government continue to hold fast to its trust responsibility to Indian Tribes, in the areas of Education, Health, and Welfare of American Indian People.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

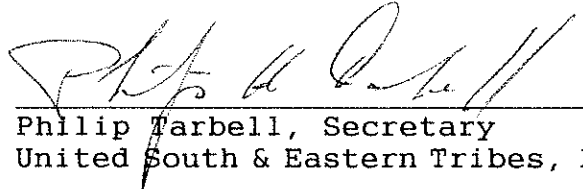
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**CERTIFICATION**

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.



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



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