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

RESOLUTION NO. 2/95-21IMP

## REQUEST FOR REMEDIAL ACTION ON BASE CLOSURE

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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, USET Tribes are actively seeking conveyance of property, plant and equipment through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act EXCESS property disposal process; and
- WHEREAS, USET Tribes are actively seeking conveyance of property, plant and equipment through the BRAC SURPLUS property disposal process; and
- WHEREAS, USET Tribes, individually and collectively, are being subjugated to the extent of exclusion from the BRAC process, non-support by federal stewardship entities, and non-compliance to trust responsibilities, due process, and existing laws; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal sovereignty is being eroded by Tribes being remanded to participate at the Local Reuse Authority level; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that USET demand that a final rule be adopted and adhered to, that explicitly defines the role of an Indian Tribe in the BRAC process:

Regarding Indian Claims Under BRAC Activities PRIOR TO February 21, 1995:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that USET endorse a potential federal injunction against the Department of Defense (with the Department of Interior named as a party in the suit) before any land is conveyed under previous BRAC rounds.

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Request that NCAI join with USET in the potential suit as a partner.

Request by letter that NCAI file a class action suit on behalf of all Indians against the Department of Defense (with the Department of Interior named as a party in the suit).

Regarding Indian Claims Under BRAC Activities AFTER February 21, 1995:

Demand that DOD and DOI establish, publish, distribute and support an Indian BRAC process, to include guidelines, Indian rights, time-critical events, policies and application procedures.

Demand that Indians are guaranteed significant representation on BASE Reuse Committees, Local Development Authorities, Local Reuse Authorities, etc.

Demand that Indians receive either a fair and equitable share of BASE Reuse Planning funds or separate funding to include economic adjustment and environmental studies funding.

Demand that technical assistance be made available to all Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the BRAC process.

Regarding ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED, demand that the RESPONSIBLE points of contact at Department of Defense, Department of Interior, and/or any other federal agency involved with decision-making on Indian/BRAC-related issues be published and distributed to all Federally Recognized 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 Tarbell, Secretary

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