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Resolution No. USET 96:19

RESOLUTION REQUEST FOR INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

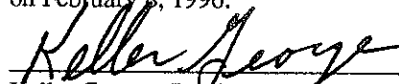
- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the awareness of the need of residential placement and/or psychiatric services has increased dramatically in the South and Eastern States tribes over the past few years; and
- WHEREAS,** South and Eastern States tribes have been under funded with BIA institutional funds with regard to being unable to place children and adolescents, even though their Individual Educational Plan calls for placement as their least restrictive environment; and
- WHEREAS,** other areas traditionally have been funded for placements at higher levels and without regard to number of eligible students; and
- WHEREAS,** an "Indian Child" is an "Indian Child" in need of equal opportunity for services; and
- WHEREAS,** distribution of placement funds has not been based on individual program needs, but has been arbitrarily assigned; and
- WHEREAS,** the funds for Institutional Programs in the Office of Indian Education should be increased from 3.5 million to 5 million, so that Part B funds will not have to supplement the Institutional Programs.

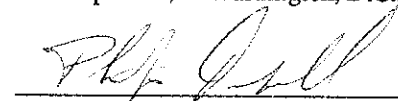
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors recommends an increase in proportionate funds distributed to the South and Eastern States Agency, by the Office of Indian Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be a move to distribute funds based on need to improve program management among all placement coordinators, and that all services provided for children and adolescents will be coordinated with health resource (i.e. room/board, therapy, medications, doctor's visits, etc.).

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 8, 1996.


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


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

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