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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:23

IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTENSION TO PUBLISH NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING UNDER P.L. 103-413

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, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and

whereas, the provisions of P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, and those of P.L. 100-472, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1988, and the amendments P.L. 103-413, which allowed the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, made up of persons from the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services and representatives from Tribal Government to jointly develop the final regulations; and

whereas, the law allows a 60 day comment period for Tribal Government prior to final publishing, and due to a Federal Government furlough and lack of a continuing resolution from Congress, the document was not released for comment until January 24, 1996.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of USET, in the interest of completing the 638 Regulations, urges the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to ask the Federal Government to seek from Congress an extension of 60 days as allowed under P.L. 103-413 to publish the final rule of the 638 Regulations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly 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 and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Philip Tarbell, Secretary

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