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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:26

REQUEST TO PRESIDENT CLINTON TO REFILL THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT POSITION TO REPRESENT INDIAN ISSUES IN THE WHITE HOUSE

- 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, President Clinton created a position of Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs in the White House which served Indian Tribes as a conduit to the Administration; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Loretta Avent served in that position and aggressively advocated for Indian Tribal issues within the administration; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Avent has voluntarily vacated the position of Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, this vacancy would render Indian issues without a voice in the White House
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors hereby requests President Clinton to retain a qualified American Indian to fill the present position with current responsibilities in the White House, to establish relationships and advocate for Indian issues within the Administration at the earliest possible date.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week Board of Directors 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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