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, Senator McCain’s BIA reorganization bill, which enjoys bipartisan support, has now reached the Senate floor. S. 814 would empower Indian tribes to reorganize and restructure the BIA at all levels; and

WHEREAS, under the bill, tribes would exercise greater control over BIA funds, services, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon Senate passage, S. 814 will go to the House, where it will be referred to the Resources Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors declare their support of S. 814 and call upon the House Resources Committee to introduce a companion bill.

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 Farbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.