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

Resolution No. USET 96:33

**TRIBES MUST BE CONSULTED ON AMENDMENTS TO THE  
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT of 1978**

**WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET 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 USET Board of Directors is dedicated and committed to the needs of its tribes and members to the goal of preserving the sovereignty, integrity, and stability of Indian children and families; and

**WHEREAS,** federal legislation that critically impacts the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 has been written without Tribal consultation and does not reflect the wishes of Indian people.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors strongly recommends that language contained within the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 be altered or amended only upon agreement of those changes and/or amendments from at least fifty-one percent [51%] of the federally recognized Tribes in the United States.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Bangor, ME on Friday, June 21, 1996.

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

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

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*