UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 97:03

TRANSFER OF 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs on September 4, 1996 announced in the Federal Register a notice of proposed transfer of Contract Support funds, Housing Improvement Program funds and Social Service Welfare Assistance funds to each eligible Indian Tribe’s Tribal Priority Allocation budget based on methodology selected for each program; and

WHEREAS, The proposed transfer of contract support funds is inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, The proposed transfer of the Housing Improvement Program funds and the Social Service Welfare Assistance funds would be distributed to all Tribes regardless of whether or not the Tribes operated these programs prior to this announcement; and

WHEREAS, This proposed transfer does not follow the recommendations of the BIA Reorganization Task Force; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the USET Board of Directors opposes the transfer of these funds until it meets the provisions and spirit of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, October 31, 1996.

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

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

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