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Resolution No. USET 97:11

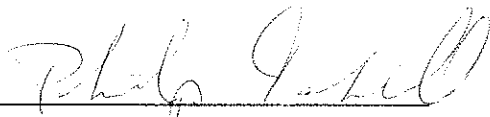
**SUPPORT OF THE SENATE BILL S.1983**

- 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 Senate Bill 1983 by Senator Inouye which would require written consent of lineal descendants or appropriate Indian Tribes for the removal or excavations of Native American human remains for the purpose of scientific study was passed by the U.S. Senate but not by the U.S. House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** This measure failed to pass the U.S. House of Representatives because of last minute opposition by archaeologists and physical anthropologists; and
- WHEREAS,** This bill is paramount to the protection of American Indian culture and heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** This bill would establish respect for American Indian remains which is not, and has not been observed by others; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors supports and encourages the re-introduction and passage of this amendment in the next Congress.

**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.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*