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

Resolution No. USET 97:14

**SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE BILL TO  
INCREASE FUNDING FOR HASKELL INDIAN NATION UNIVERSITY**

- 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,** Pursuant to Haskell Indian Nation University Board of Regents Articles of Incorporation and By-laws; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell's vision is to become a national center for Indian education, research and cultural programs that increase knowledge and support the educational needs of American Indian/Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell is making the transition from a junior college mission to university status; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell is developing the infrastructure necessary to sustain a university status; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell is planning additional baccalaureate programs in secondary teacher education, Native studies, business, environmental science and science; and
- WHEREAS,** The construction of a new 300-student residential hall will be completed Spring 1997 and thus enrollment increases will require additional funds; and
- WHEREAS,** A Congressional Legislative Bill has been introduced that would provide a greater degree of autonomy for Haskell; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors encourages Congress to remember the federal government's responsibility to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian people by adequately funding Haskell Fiscal Year 1998; and

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

(USET 97:14)

**RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors requests Congressional consideration of current level funding plus \$1,120,000 in additional funding for a total of \$9,027,000 in Fiscal Year 1998. These funds will support the following:

Fiscal Year 1997 funding ..... **\$7,907,000**

Additional funds to address transition from junior college to university status:

Science Lab Equipment ..... \$200,000

Increase funds for library volumes ..... \$100,000

Eight instructional positions to staff  
new Baccalaureate Programs..... \$360,000

Six positions for student services..... \$160,000

Food services equipment for  
increased enrollment..... \$200,000

Funds to support a Human Resource  
Management Office ..... \$100,000

**TOTAL .....\$1,120,000**

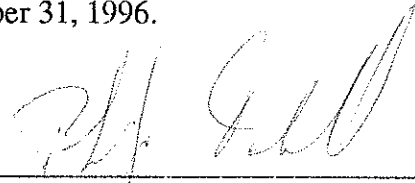
**GRAND TOTAL ..... \$9,027,000**

**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.