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"
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.