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Resolution No. USET 97:20

**REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF NEW HEALTH CARE DOLLARS
TO FUND NEWLY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES**

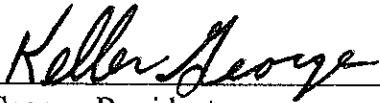
- WHEREAS,** The United South and Eastern Tribes Inc. (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has made known to its Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Office its concerns with regard to the detrimental effects of further reductions in health care funds for its tribal health program; and
- WHEREAS,** There is continuing concern for the loss of health funds due to minimal increases in appropriations and increasing costs of health care; and
- WHEREAS,** There are new-federally recognized tribes introduced into the USET area and subsequently the IHS Nashville Area Office service population for funding allocations; and
- WHEREAS,** These new tribes require and are entitled to a proportionate share of IHS funds for the provision of health services to their eligible population; and
- WHEREAS,** USET does not wish to hinder or negatively impact any tribe, but does have the obligation and responsibility to protect its tribes from any adverse impact; and
- WHEREAS,** There currently is no provision for any new funds for new federally recognized tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of USET respectfully requests that Congress and the Director of IHS in recognizing any new Tribes, also provide new health care funds including contract support costs for the new Tribes and funds to support the area's additional residual workload thereby restricting any further reduction in tribal shares formulas currently used for the USET tribes.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

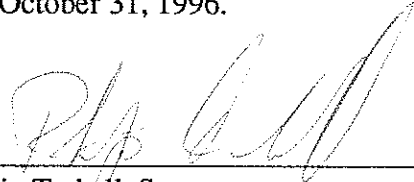
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved 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 and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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