Resolution No. USET 97:35

ISTEA

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (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, the USET Board of Directors recognizes a need for improving tribal bridge, road maintenance, and road construction programs; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors recognizes a need for more funding for these programs to allow tribes to continue to maintain their roads to the intent of the law; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors recognizes a need for Congress to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA); and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors recognizes a need for Congress to amend ISTEA under Title 23, United States Code, Public Law 102-240, Section 144 to allow Indian Tribes to utilize funds from this program for road maintenance and road construction projects once all bridge projects are finished on reservation lands; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors respectfully request the Congress of the United States to amend Title 23, United States Code P.L. 102-240, Section 144 to help tribes by providing desperately needed resources to continue to provide and maintain safe and efficient roads for all who travel.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC on Wednesday, February 5, 1997.

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

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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