



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 97:53

RELOCATION OF BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS EASTERN AREA OFFICE

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, the area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Area Office has been informed by Central Office BIA of a proposal to relocate the Eastern Area Office from its present location in Arlington, Virginia to the Main Interior Building in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, this appears to be the first step in a process of elimination of the Eastern Area Office; and

WHEREAS, the USET Tribes believe that the continuation of an Eastern Area Office is essential in maintaining a viable government-to-government relationship for the contracting and compacting of the Eastern Area Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Area Office of Indian Health Service (IHS) currently has space available that will adequately house the personnel of the BIA Eastern Area Office; and

WHEREAS, the USET Tribes see that the combining of the BIA Eastern Area Office and the IHS Nashville Area Office into one location will be a long term benefit for the Tribes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., calls upon the Deputy Commissioner to approve a relocation of the BIA Eastern Area Office from Arlington, Virginia to Nashville, Tennessee to be housed in the Calumet Office Building, owned by the USET Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Semi-Annual meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, Louisiana on Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

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

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