



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:03

**EASTERN AREA TRIBES MUST BE CONSULTED ON
SELECTION OF EASTERN AREA SOCIAL WORKER**

- 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Area Office has not filled the position of Eastern Area Social Worker; and
- WHEREAS**, the Eastern Area Social Worker functions in the critical role of assisting Tribes and staff in developing, funding and serving our Tribal children, families and communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the absence of a permanent Social Worker has resulted in a lack of needed technical assistance, particularly with the new congressional mandate to Tribes to administer TANF programs, and insufficient data to support budget appropriation needs for Tribal programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED**, the USET Board of Directors request the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Area Office Director consult with and support the recommendation of the Eastern Area Tribal leaders in the selection of the Eastern Area Social Worker; be it further
- RESOLVED**, the USET Board of Directors request the Eastern Area Director to expedite the fulfillment of all other vacant positions within the Eastern Area Office and the selection process should include consultation with Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Philadelphia, Mississippi on Thursday, October 30, 1997.

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

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