



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:04

SUPPORT FOR HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

- 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 Education Committee supports the efforts of Haskell Indian Nations University in providing quality educational opportunities for Indian students; 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 Indians and Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS**, Haskell is continuing to address the need for increased fiscal resources due to university growth accompanying the transition from a junior college to a university; and
- WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has as a function of its trust responsibility the obligation to ensure that Haskell Indian Nations University is funded at a level appropriate to fulfill Haskell's vision; and
- WHEREAS**, Haskell is continuing to develop the infrastructure necessary to sustain university status; and
- WHEREAS**, Haskell is planning additional baccalaureate programs in American Indian studies, business administration, and environmental studies; and
- WHEREAS**, renovation of the student residential hall, Osceola-Keokuk, is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1998; and
- WHEREAS**, enrollment increases associated with increased student residential housing and the addition of baccalaureate degree programs will necessitate additional funding and staffing; and
- WHEREAS**, a federal legislative bill has been introduced that would provide a greater degree of autonomy for Haskell allowing an increased capacity to identify and respond to university needs; therefore be it
- RESOLVED**, that the USET Board of Directors encourages Congress to continue to honor the federal government's responsibility to American Indian and Alaska Native people by adequately funding Haskell for Fiscal Year 1999; and be it further

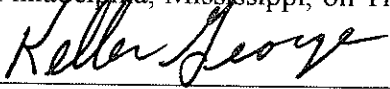
"Because there is strength in Unity"

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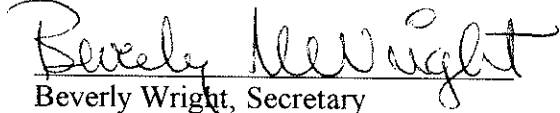
RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors requests continued Congressional support for (a) the current funding level of \$10,485,504 (Fiscal Year 1998 funding level) and (b) \$1,177,000 in additional funding to address critical unmet needs, resulting in a total of \$11,662,504 being requested for Fiscal Year 1999.

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.