

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:31

ASSISTANCE IN REVIVAL AND RETENTION OF FIRST LANGUAGES

- 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, Indian youth groups have expressed a desire to participate in, and for support and funding of active preservation of their individual tribal customs and cultures; and
- WHEREAS, they have pleaded especially and particularly for this assistance in revival and retention of the first languages of our native land; and
- WHEREAS, these young people, our most precious asset, must be positively supported in their quest to be the ultimate keepers of the treasure of our heritage; and
- WHEREAS, funding for such youthful enterprise is sparse to non-existent; therefore be it
- **RESOLVED**, that on this motion and special request of the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana that the USET Board of directors petition Congress and the President for funding for this special purpose and endeavor of these future leaders of our twenty-three nations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the annual USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 5, 1998.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary

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