



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 99:16

**SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS RESOLUTION  
#MBR-98-067 ENTITLED "SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT  
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND DIRECT FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF  
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT"**

**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 is dedicated and committed to the needs of its tribes and members in the goal of preserving the sovereignty, inherent rights, integrity, and stability of our Indian children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) at its October 1998 Annual Session passed Resolution #MRB-98-067 entitled "Support for Tribal Child Support Enforcement Activities and Direct Funding from the Office of Child Support Enforcement"; and

**WHEREAS**, several member tribes of USET have expressed an interest in receiving funding from the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE); and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will not be released for direct funding until after the Final Rule is issued; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the USET Board of Directors unites and supports the National Congress of American Indians Resolution #MRB-98-067.

**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 4, 1999.

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

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

# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## RESOLUTION # MRB-98-067

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**Title: Support for Tribal Child Support Enforcement Activities and Direct Funding from the Office of Child Support Enforcement**

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest national organization established in 1944 and comprised of representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and local Tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NCAI; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) under the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for implementing support enforcement provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (P.L. 104-193) and the Balanced Budget Act (P.L. 105-33); and

WHEREAS, under these laws tribal governments are eligible to apply for direct funding, enter into cooperative agreements with states on child support enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the OCSE has informed tribal governments that they will not be eligible to apply for direct funding until after the Final Rule is in place (regulations); and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI requests the OCSE to provide funding prior to final rules and regulation; to tribes to develop and operate their own tribal child support enforcement activities; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI requests the OCSE to recognize and honor the unique ways the American Indian/Alaskan Native family supports their children and community members, with respect to how tribal members are served in both tribal and state child support enforcement programs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 1998 55th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 18-23, 1998 with a quorum present.

  
W. Ron Allen, President

ATTEST:

  
Lela Kaskalla, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 1998 55th Annual Session held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 18-23, 1998.