Resolution No. USET 99:42

REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS AND SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACTING

WHEREAS, 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is responsible for the administration of the Self-Determination Contracts and Self-Governance Compacting; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in the FY 99 budget for Self-Determination contracting and Self-Governance compacting imposed a moratorium on new and expanded programs; and

WHEREAS, Congress imposed this moratorium without thought to the hardship this imposes on Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, under the current moratorium, tribes are limited to the services that they may offer to their tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, needs currently exist in USET tribal communities for new and expanded education programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors strongly recommends that the BIA solicit all the appropriate sources to have Congress in its FY 2000 Budget appropriations, remove the current moratorium on Self-Determination contracting and Self-Governance compacting.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

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

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

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