



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:32

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REQUEST TO LIFT BIA SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM MORATORIUM

- 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,** for nearly two years the Secretary of Interior has maintained a moratorium on the ability of tribal governments to apply for and receive additional funding to operate components and/or programs under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Social Service program, independent of those that a tribe currently operates; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Social Services Committee has reviewed the implications of this continuing policy and determined that it unnecessarily restricts the ability of tribal social service programs to effectively serve their clients and hampers tribal governments ability to perform their responsibilities as sovereign nations; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the moratorium prohibiting tribal governments from applying for and receiving additional funding to operate components and/or programs under the BIA Social Service program, independent of those that a tribe currently operates be lifted immediately.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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

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