ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 13096

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, on August 6, 1998, President William J. Clinton signed an executive order acknowledging the educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students; and

WHEREAS, this order has identified six goals in AI/AN education; and

WHEREAS, to meet the six goals of this order, a comprehensive federal response is needed to address the fragmentation of government services available to AI/AN students and the complexity of intergovernmental relationships affecting the education of those students; and

WHEREAS, Interagency Task Force on AI/AN Education has been established to oversee the planning and implementation of this order; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Task Force shall consult with representatives of AI/AN tribes and organizations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors endorses the Presidents Executive Order 13096 that recognizes the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of AI/AN students; be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors strongly discourages any decreases in funding and/or elimination of current AI/AN program services.

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.

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