



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:52

Opposition to the Elimination of Gifted and Talented Programs, Special Programs relating to Adult Education, Grants to Tribes for Administrative Planning and Development and Fellowships for Indian Students

- 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 Student Results Act of 1999, H. R. 2, proposes the elimination of Gifted and Talented Programs, Special Programs relating to Adult Education, Grants to Tribes for Administrative Planning and Development and Fellowships for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Students; and
- WHEREAS**, there is and has been a crucial need for these programs; and
- WHEREAS**, there has been a long standing responsibility on the part of the federal government to meet the educational needs of AI/AN students; and
- WHEREAS**, the needs have already been identified and only partially met; and
- WHEREAS**, there has been no consultation with Tribal governments regarding the elimination of these programs; and
- WHEREAS**, there will be significant negative impact on Tribes as a result of the elimination of these programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors opposes these eliminations and requests that they be fully reinstated; be it further
- RESOLVED** that there be no elimination of any current funding or program.

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.