RELOCATION OF BIA ERO OFFICE

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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 responsiveness and effectiveness of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Eastern Regional Office (ERO) has become a matter of vital concern to the USET Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the BIA ERO has had great difficulty recruiting and retaining staff for its Arlington, VA office; and

WHEREAS, there is space available in the Calumet Office Building located in Nashville, TN sufficient to house the BIA ERO functions; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant discussion between the Board of Directors, BIA ERO staff and the USET Executive Director regarding relocation of the BIA ERO to Nashville, TN; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors hereby endorses the creation of a committee to develop an action plan including established time frames and costs for the relocation of the ERO to Nashville, TN; be it further

RESOLVED that this committee shall consist of two (2) tribal representatives and two (2) BIA representatives.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.

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

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

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