



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:75

**OPPOSITION TO THE ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM PROPOSED IN THE FY 2001
INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

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 House Interior Subcommittee has proposed another one-year moratorium on new and/or expanded contracts/compacts as a rider to FY 2001 budget for Interior and related agencies; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the fundamental policy of Congress with respect to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal Governments has been to encourage the policy of self-determination and self-governance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED to allow all AI/AN Tribal Governments to continue to exercise their sovereign right to enter into new and/or expanded contracts/compacts under P.L. 93-638, the USET Board of Directors is in opposition of the bill language that proposes a one-year moratorium in the FY 2001 budget process of the Interior Appropriations bill.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual, 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.