



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:77

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS BOARD U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- 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**, there is not now, nor has there ever been, South and Eastern Tribal representation on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board within the Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS**, the interests of these twenty-four federally recognized Tribes have not been properly served; and
- WHEREAS**, the Arts and Crafts of the South and Eastern peoples have been placed in a secondary or non-existent role by the preponderance of a Western perspective in this federal agency; and
- WHEREAS**, this failure to include the artists and artisans of the South and Eastern region in the makeup of this Board has diminished an opportunity of expression and importance of these talents; and
- WHEREAS**, this failure has significantly diminished the inherent artistic value of South and Eastern arts and crafts, both historically and presently significantly, among the aesthetic products of the world; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors, in order to establish equity, therefore requests the appointment of Nina Gale Thrower (Poarch Band of Creek Indians, AL), and Paulla Dove Jennings (Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island) to the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

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.