RELOCATION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS' EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION AND OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 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 USET Board of Directors passed Resolution 2000:58, calling for the relocation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office (ERO), to the Calumet Building in Nashville, TN, for various reasons important and beneficial to all USET member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, it is known by the USET Board of Directors that two offices, currently located within ERO, Indian Education and Law Enforcement are not moving to Nashville, TN, thus undermining the spirit and intent of USET Resolution 2000:58; and

WHEREAS, it is known by the USET Board of Directors that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or in the absence of this position, Deputy Commissioner has supervision and line authority over these two offices; therefore, he it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors objects to the exclusion of the Office of Indian Education and Office of Law Enforcement in the ERO relocation to Nashville, TN, and that this position be conveyed to the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2001.

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

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

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