WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) currently uses the Anadarko Regional Office to perform land title records office services for the Eastern Regional Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the BIA has been unable to clear land titles in a timely manner through the Anadarko Regional Office which impairs the USET tribes' ability to provide for the housing needs in the Eastern Region; and

WHEREAS, there is a desperate need for safe, decent, and affordable housing in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Committee is requesting that a land title office be created for Eastern Regional Tribes in Nashville, TN; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors demands that the BIA move the land title records office services for the Eastern Region Tribes from the Anadarko Regional Office to the Eastern Regional Office in Nashville, TN immediately and that it be appropriately staffed and the Regional Office shall make it a priority to clear all titles that have been requested by the USET tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was presented in Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 31, 2002.

[Signatures]

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

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

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