NEED FOR BIA OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS, EDUCATION LINE OFFICER POSITION TO BE IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCED FOR VACANCY AND HIRED FOR NEW NASHVILLE OFFICE LOCATION

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) South & Eastern Office of Indian Education is in the process of relocating to Nashville, TN; and

WHEREAS, there are in excess of 18 schools funded through the BIA/OIEP in the South and Eastern region representing over 3000 Native American students, and 10% of the tribal schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Education Line Officer position for the South & Eastern region is vacant, and has been for four (4) months and has not as yet been advertised; and

WHEREAS, the guidance and support of an Education Line Officer within the South and Eastern region is essential for the continued educational advancement of the USET tribes; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Education Line Officer represent only the South & Eastern region; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors request that an Education Line Officer be identified, hired and placed in the BIA Office of Indian Education immediately.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

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

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

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