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USET Resolution No. 2011:011

**INCREASE FISCAL YEAR 2012 FUNDING FOR TRIBAL HOUSING PROGRAMS
RESTORE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Budget Request to Congress included a 17% cut to the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), provided no funding for training and technical assistance, and proposed an agency-wide Transformation Initiative Fund (TIF) with up to one percent 1% taken from the IHBG account, equating to \$5.8 million diverted from essential housing programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHBG, funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is the single largest source of funding for Tribal housing; and
- WHEREAS,** reduced Tribal housing funds will result in the loss of jobs for our people, reverse the positive impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, escalate the deterioration of existing housing units, and curtail many housing projects currently under development; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations and housing professionals expressed great disappointment to the Administration for proposing low levels of funding for Tribal housing programs in the President's FY2011 Budget Request to Congress; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administration is in the process of developing the President's FY2012 Budget Request to Congress and it is a critical time for Tribes to urge the Administration to increase funds for Tribal housing programs, to restore funding for Indian training and technical assistance, and to not take Tribal housing dollars for the TIF program – a program for which HUD has not clearly explained a purpose, justified a need or identified plans to any of its stakeholders; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly urges the President to increase funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant account to \$875 million, restore funding for training and technical assistance to \$4.8 million, and to not use Tribal housing dollars to fund the Transformation Initiative Fund program.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”