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**USET Resolution No. 2011:018**

**ESTABLISH TRIBAL SET ASIDES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATION GRANT 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,** on July 29, 2010, the President signed into law the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 which takes an important step to assist the Federal Government better address the unique public safety challenges that confront Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 401 of the Act reauthorizes and amends the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Act (IASA) to include for the provision of alcohol and substance abuse programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 401 of the Act further directs the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) to take the lead role in interagency coordination on Tribal substance abuse programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 406 of the Act amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 5783) by establishing a Tribal Youth Program in Title V of that Act, authorizing competitive grants to Tribes for activities aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency and treating and rehabilitating juvenile offenders; and
- WHEREAS,** grants from SAMHSA are open and competitive, which limits the amount of awards being made to Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement set-aside funding for Indian Tribes to ensure the intent of the Tribal Law and Order Act is achieved through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration grant opportunities.

**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.