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USET Resolution No. 2012:010

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND 2014

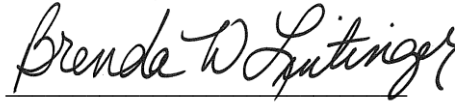
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** aspects of natural resource programs impact multiple Tribal interests, including but not limited to, sustainable communities, agriculture, conservation, energy, and environmental protection; and
- WHEREAS,** adequate funding for Tribal natural resource programs is essential to the health, social and economic well-being of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee has identified the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and 2014 funding priorities to support Tribal natural resource programs:
- Environmental Protection Agency Indian Environmental General Assistance Program
 - Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act §106, §319 and Clean Air Act §103, §105
 - Indian Health Service Operation and Maintenance Funding for Tribal Public Water Systems
 - Department of Energy Capacity and Project Development
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Management, Planning and Pre-Development Programs
 - Environmental Protection Agency Multimedia Tribal Implementation Grants Program
 - Environmental Protection Agency, Housing and Urban Development, and Department of Transportation Partnership for Sustainable Communities (Resolution 2011:058)
 - Department of Agriculture programs supporting sustainable communities and conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through various treaties and executive orders; and
- WHEREAS,** this special relationship must be considered when analyzing budget priorities in adherence to the President's sound fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction efforts; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls for the exemption of all Indian programs from any mandatory budget reduction imposed for Fiscal Year 2013 and beyond; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the identified funding priorities for Tribal natural resource programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, November 10, 2011.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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