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USET Resolution No. 2011:029

**SUPPORT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IV OF THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION
AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT**

- 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 each member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes are distinct, independent, political communities exercising powers of self-government by virtue of their own innate sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1975, Congress enacted the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), authorizing Indian Tribes to enter into contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) to receive funds and manage individual programs; and
- WHEREAS,** ISDEAA was amended in 1988, 1991, 1994, and 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** in a 2004 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on Indian economic development, GAO noted that Indian Tribes engaged in self-governance had greater gains in employment levels from 1990 to 2000 compared to Tribes that participated less in the program; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4347, the Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2010, failed to pass in the 111th (2009-2010) Congress, despite passage by the House of Representatives on September 22, 2010; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4347 included comprehensive amendments to Title IV of ISDEAA, as well as some important amendments to Title I of the ISDEAA; and
- WHEREAS,** Title I authorizes and sets forth criteria for the contracting program with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), while Title IV authorizes and sets forth criteria for the self-governance program at DOI; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the enhancement of Tribal self-governance by, among other things, making the Department of Interior self-governance program consistent with its Indian Health Service counterpart in Title IV; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the 112th Congress to reintroduce and to enact similar legislation to H.R. 4347; and, be it further

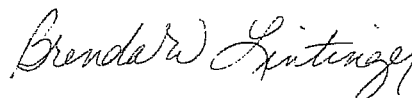
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors urges the Administration to support such legislation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2011.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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