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**USET Resolution No. 2011:058**

**PROMOTE PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OPPORTUNITIES TO AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES**

- 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,** in June 2009, the United States (U.S.) Department of Transportation, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the formation of an interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities (Partnership); and
- WHEREAS,** through the Partnership, participating agencies seek to collaboratively support communities to provide more job opportunities, better housing choices, reliable and convenient transportation options, and elevate the quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** in the first year of collaboration, the Partnership targeted a number of financial resources through grants and other programs to assist states and communities to create jobs and stronger economies through sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities are among the most economically depressed communities in the U.S. and are further stressed by the impact of climate change, high transportation costs, and substandard housing conditions, yet no AI/AN communities are identified as Partnership grant recipients; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for sustainable development planning and implementation is imperative to elevating the social and economic health and wellbeing of AI/AN communities; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors encourages the Partnership for Sustainable Communities to provide outreach to Indian Tribes on availability of Partnership opportunities and to focus funding on developing and implementing sustainable community and climate change adaptation plans to foster job creation, strengthen economies, and promote self-determination and resiliency of Tribal communities.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, Thursday, May 19, 2011.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda W. Lintinger".

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.