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USET Resolution No. 2013:039

REQUESTING RESTORATION OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND SERVICE LEVELS

- 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,** the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), with the exception of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads Maintenance Program, is funded by The Highway Trust Fund, and is not subject to Sequestration under *The Budget Control Act of 2011*; and
- WHEREAS,** although *The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013* did contain an estimated rescission for the TTP of 0.2%, resulting in a minimal effect on the program budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Region BIA Roads Division has reduced its service and funding levels to the Tribes it serves and justified this action as a result of Sequestration; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that USET Board of Directors does not support actions taken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Roads Division in the name of Sequestration which have made a negative impact on the level of service provided to USET Member Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby requests the Eastern Region Bureau of Indian Affairs restore pre-Sequestration funding and service levels to the Tribal Transportation Program for activities including, but not limited to, travel, training and technical assistance.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Niagara Falls, NY, on Friday, May 17, 2013.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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"Because there is strength in Unity"