

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-237

BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR USET, INC. TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY
OF CONTRACTING IHS/NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE FUNCTIONS

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and
- WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 93-638, The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 and those of P.L. 100-472, The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1988, clearly state that the policy of the federal government is to encourage, support, and assist Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the planning and implementation of programs for their benefit through the contracting of these programs with relevant federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 100-472 further state that "the Secretary is directed, upon the request of any Indian tribe by tribal resolution, to enter into a self-determination contract or contracts with a tribal organization to plan, conduct, and administer programs or portions thereof ...;" and
- WHEREAS, the programs of the Department of Human Services, Public Health Service, Indian Health Service (IHS) are included under the provisions of P.L. 100-472; and
- WHEREAS, the IHS currently operates an Area Office in Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of planning, conducting, and implementing health care service programs for the federally-recognized in that region, including all of the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS, it is the legal right and privilege, granted under P.L. 93-638 and P.L. 100-472, that the tribes served by the Nashville Area Office of IHS may choose to contract to provide the functions and programs, or portions thereof, that are currently provided by the staff of this Area Office; and
- WHEREAS, in choosing to so contract for these functions and programs, these tribes may designate a tribal organization to perform such functions and conduct such programs on their behalf,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board directs the Executive Director to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of USET, Inc. contracting all or portions of the IHS/Nashville Area Office functions; and