

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-240


SUPPORT FOR A FY 1989 HUD SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
TO FUND OPERATING SUBSIDIES AT 100 PERCENT FOR
PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITIES

- WHEREAS, the Charter of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. authorizes and empowers USET to engage in activities on behalf and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of member tribes throughout the region; and
- WHEREAS, one of USET's primary goals is unified strength to assure that Indian housing authorities may continue to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing for their respective enrolled members; and
- WHEREAS, USET agrees that the federal deficit must be reduced, but that the domestic programs, particularly Indian housing programs, have already suffered not only disproportionate but life threatening cuts, and should not face the further burden of deficit reductions; and
- WHEREAS, there is no program as successful at housing low-income families residing on Indian reservations as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Housing Program, and the goal of providing housing assistance to Native Americans can only be accomplished through the continuing federal support of the HUD Indian Housing Program; and
- WHEREAS, in order to meet the shortfall between what it costs Indian Housing Authorities to provide heat, lights, insurance, maintenance, and limited reserves, and what rental income the Indian housing authorities receive from tenants, Congress created the Performance Funding System (PFS); and
- WHEREAS, the PFS is a formula used by HUD to predict from year to year the amount of operating costs and rental revenues; and
- WHEREAS, the PFS formula, when funded at the 100 percent level, has worked well in providing federal operating subsidies to housing authorities to assure that basic utilities and maintenance are provided to tenants of low-income housing; and
- WHEREAS, the most recent HUD estimate of the PFS predicts a shortfall for the current 1989 fiscal year of \$48 million which represents 2.7 percent of current need; and
- WHEREAS, Congress must understand that without full funding of operating subsidies Indian housing authorities will be unable to provide essential services and minimum maintenance for safe, decent and sanitary living environments for Indian housing tenants,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board of Directors hereby requests that Congress support a fiscal year 1989 HUD supplemental appropriation to fund operating subsidies at 100 percent for Public and Indian housing authorities to insure decent, safe and sanitary living environments for low-income people.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, Tennessee; July 27, 1989.



Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.