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**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. 2/95-08IMP

**OPPOSITION TO HUD FUNDING FOR STATE RECOGNIZED TRIBES**


- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Federally recognized tribes are regarded as independent nations as determined by the Federal Government according to criteria set forth in the Federal Acknowledgment regulations and/or by evidence of an existing government to government relationship between the Federal Government and the tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** eligibility to receive federal assistance for education, health, housing, etc., was intended by the Federal Government to benefit Federally recognized Indian tribes and groups specifically; and
- WHEREAS,** states do not have established criteria for recognizing a group as a tribe nor do states have the authority for determining groups to be federally recognized; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous states have enacted legislation enabling the creation of an Indian housing authority to serve individuals who are self-proclaimed members of a non-federally recognized tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** state recognized tribes have access to federal programs through their states and local governments including public housing authorities, nonprofit housing organizations, and state HOME programs.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that HUD statutory and regulatory language pertaining to HUD Indian housing programs be adopted that limits eligibility for federal assistance to federally recognized tribes and groups.

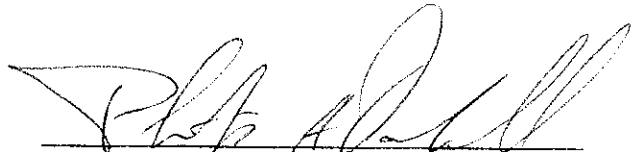
*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

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**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 1995.

  
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Keller George, President  
United South & Eastern Tribes

  
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Philip Tarbell, Secretary  
United South & Eastern Tribes