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

Resolution No. USET 97:04

**TRIBAL INPUT TO INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING**

**WHEREAS,** The United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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,** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) supervises the Indian General Assistance Program (GAP) which provides funding to tribes to develop the capacity to assume and administer USEPA programs, a clear recognition of Tribal Sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS,** The GAP funding for Indian Tribes has been increased substantially by USEPA; and

**WHEREAS,** USEPA devised a method to disburse the increase in funding by using tribal population and reservation land area to distribute the funds, which ignored the needs of the tribes; and

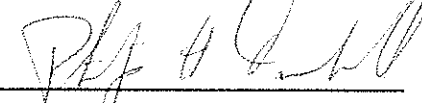
**WHEREAS,** USEPA and the Tribal Operations Committee are in the process of developing a new method to distribute such funds; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors hereby insists that USEPA and the Tribal Operations Committee actively seek and utilize input from the Tribes in determining how the GAP increase in funding should be allocated to the Tribes.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, October 31, 1996.

  
Keller George, President  
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

  
Philip Tarbell, Secretary  
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*