



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:11

NEW DIABETES FUNDS

- WHEREAS**, the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, \$150M is allocated in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 over a 5 year period to the Indian Health Service for Indian communities to address the serious problem of diabetes in Indian Country at \$30M per year; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Board has established an advisory committee consisting of health professionals and Tribal Leadership whose purpose is to develop a distribution plan based on the needs of I/T/U's within the USET region; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Board has previously convened a sub-committee for Residual discussions with the group representing all interests within its member Tribes and the Urban Centers; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET board ensures all its member Tribes needs are addressed in policy decisions; and
- WHEREAS**, distribution of the \$30M Diabetes Funds should be based on needs of Tribes within respective areas; and
- WHEREAS**, NAO will be developing a needs assessment of the USET member tribes; therefore be it
- RESOLVED**, the USET Board of Directors requests the IHS/NAO Director to assist in the development of a proposal for Diabetes Area funds to be distributed to USET, Inc. for distribution to its' member tribes; be it further
- RESOLVED**, the USET Board creates a USET Diabetes Center of Excellence to address the Diabetes in its communities; be it further
- RESOLVED**, the USET Board requests the NAO Director to provide technical assistance in the development and on-going activities of the USET Diabetes Center of Excellence; be it further
- RESOLVED**, USET Board requests the NAO Director to assist the advisory committee in completing an annual assessment to be used for distribution of the remaining 4 years of funding; be it further

“Because there is strength in Unity”

(USET 98:11)

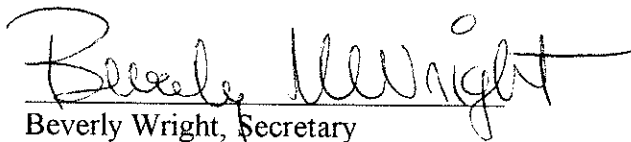
RESOLVED, USET Board requests IHS to authorize USET Inc. to receive the allocation in lump sum payments.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Philadelphia, Mississippi on Thursday, October 30, 1997.



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



Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Dancing The Path

A Healing & Wellness Conference

Spring 1999

Oneida Indian Nation

We share a vision of strong, healthy, communities that nurture and support the spiritual, cultural, and economic growth of individuals and families. We are committed to realizing that vision.

Dancing the Path will be a celebration of healing, wellness, and life. Onkwehon:we (The First People) will come together in one mind to share wisdom, gain knowledge, and enhance personal, family, and community well-being.

We will move beyond naming our problems to focus on solutions and strategies to help ourselves and our children unto the seventh generation experience the next century with our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health in balance.

We will call on the wisdom of those who came before us and the shared experiences of our people to help one another respond positively to the pressures and responsibilities of daily living and to resolve the larger issues confronting our communities.

Elders, youth, tribal leaders, spiritual leaders, community members, and professionals working in service with our communities are invited to join in The Dance.

We will offer our guests social dances, cultural events, lectures, panel presentations, interactive workshops, and morning and evening wellness activities.

Participants will have opportunities to learn more about developing a personal wellness path, effective parenting, raising community awareness, traditional methods of healing, cooking for health, replicating successful community recovery programs, sustaining talking circles, forms of self-expression, breaking the cycle of domestic violence, communicating with your life partner, and many other health and social issues of special concern to our people.

Together, we will gain renewed physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness. We will experience first-hand the feeling of empowerment that comes from learning and teaching. We will share new strategies and skills for coping with personal issues and resolving community problems.

We will bring our minds, bodies and spirits together for the well-being of generations to come...WE WILL DANCE THE PATH.

What We Need From You

- ◆ *We need you to demonstrate your support of the Dancing The Path conference by submitting separate or joint committee resolutions to the USET Board.*
- ◆ *We need you to advise us about the health, behavioral, social and spiritual issues that are of greatest concern to your communities.*
- ◆ *We need you to suggest keynote speakers, workshop presenters, spiritual leaders and healers, entertainers, and vendors that might be interested in participating in our conference.*
- ◆ *We need you to encourage members of your tribe who have valuable knowledge and experience to share, to submit proposals in response to our upcoming call for presentations.*
- ◆ *We need you to spread the word about Dancing The Path to the people you serve and to your neighbors at home.*
- ◆ *We need you to work with your tribal leaders and program managers to make it possible for your community to have strong and diverse participation in the conference.*
- ◆ *We need your prayers, blessings, and good wishes to help ensure that our conference will have meaning and value to our people.*
- ◆ *We need you to Dance The Path with us.*