



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:17

SUPPORT OF HUD SECRETARY WAIVER FOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) requires that tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entity's (TDHE) must sign cooperation agreements with local municipalities when units are developed off reservation land in order to receive municipal services for these members; and

WHEREAS, many Tribes and TDHE's are being denied cooperation from local municipalities after a good faith effort has been made to secure these municipal services as required; and

WHEREAS, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians from the State of Maine have received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Native American Programs, for the development of 35 low rent housing units; and


WHEREAS, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Housing Authority has identified and purchased land to provide housing with HUD funding; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has negotiated in good faith with the Town of Houlton, Maine to create a cooperation agreement to provide municipal services to the housing development in exchange for payments in lieu of taxes; therefore be it

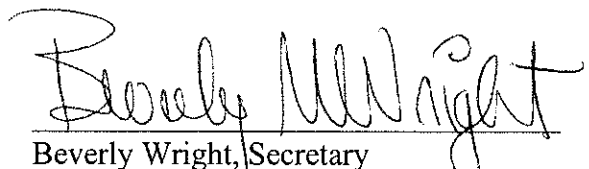
RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development provide a waiver of the requirement for a cooperation agreement for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indian Housing Authority and all Tribes that have exhausted all avenues of negotiation with said municipality.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the annual USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 5, 1998.



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



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

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