



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

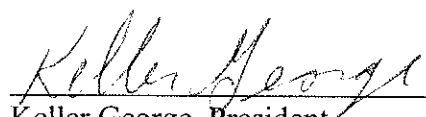
Resolution No. USET 98:30

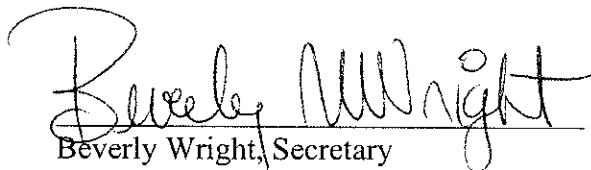
**SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUESTED  
BY THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999**

- 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 Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) requested a budget increase of \$150M for Fiscal Year 1999 (FY99), in June of 1997; and
- WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requested a budget increase of \$121M for the FY99 IHS budget, in September of 1997; and
- WHEREAS**, the November 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Passback reflected a decrease of \$9.9M for the FY99 IHS budget; and
- WHEREAS**, the November 1997 Tribal Budget reflected a budget increase of \$415M for the FY99 IHS Budget; and
- WHEREAS**, the December 1997 OMB Mark continued to reflect a decrease of \$9.9M for the FY99 IHS Budget; and
- WHEREAS**, the President's Budget did not reflect an increase for Contract Health Services; therefore be it
- RESOLVED**, that the USET Board of Directors supports an increase in funding for the FY99 IHS budget in the amount of at least \$150M and will not support a decrease in any amount.

**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.