



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:49

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act of 1996 implementing regulation, 24 CFR parts 50 and 58, requires an Environmental Review and allows tribes to choose whether to assume the responsibility themselves or give the responsibility to the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, HUD has agreed to accept the responsibility of completing the Environmental Reviews if the tribes designate HUD as the responsible party; and

WHEREAS, HUD receives funding for training of its staff in completing Environmental Reviews to comply with 24 CFR parts 50 and 58; and

WHEREAS, HUD has designated an Environmental Officer in each of its area ONAP offices; and

WHEREAS, HUD has told tribes although they will accept responsibility, they cannot guarantee when the Environmental Reviews will be completed; and

WHEREAS, without completed Environmental Reviews, Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities are not able to comply with their Indian Housing Plan much less provide members with adequate safe, decent, and sanitary housing so desperately needed in Indian Country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests that HUD expedite the completion of the Environmental Reviews for which they are responsible.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

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

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