



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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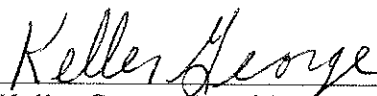
USET Resolution No. 2000:37

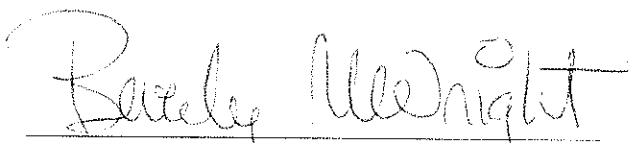
### OPPOSITION TO THE LEVEL OF NEED FUNDED STUDY SANCTIONED BY THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

- 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 tribes, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service (IHS) convened a workgroup consisting of a tribal representative from each IHS Area and sanctioned a Level of Need Funded (LNF) Study that resulted in a LNF Report; and
- WHEREAS**, the LNF Report contains information which could be detrimental to future health care funding allocated for USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the data used in the formulas contained within the LNF Report is outdated and inaccurate, thus creating inaccurate statistics that are meant to be representative of USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the LNF study does not capture the true level need which would include wrap-around services; and
- WHEREAS**, the creation of the LNF workgroup does not take the place of formal tribal consultation; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** for the reasons outlined above the USET Board of Directors is opposed to the current LNF Report; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recommends that the LNF workgroup reconvene to review the most current data available including consultation with individual tribes to allow for tribal validation of data being utilized.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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

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

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*