



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:38

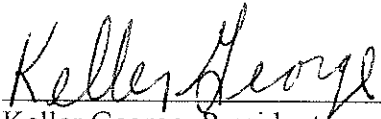
SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

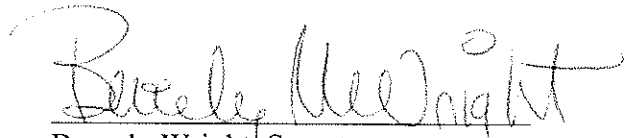
- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) as amended a federally recognized tribe can exercise their right to assume the planning, operation, and administration of programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) from the Indian Health Service (IHS) , and
- WHEREAS**, the ISDEAA as amended, authorizes the IHS to enter into contracts with Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Board of Directors acknowledges that the funds designated for the Health Information Office (HIO) program are funds identified and allocated to the individual tribes through the non-residual tribal shares process; and
- WHEREAS**, USET wishes to expand the current HIO contract with the IHS under the authority of ISDEAA to provide additional services to the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the contract expansion will include all non-residual Office of Tribal Activities (OTA) PSFA's except those identified for urban Indian programs and newly recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, this resolution supplements but does not supersede the existing resolution each individual tribe has on file which initially supported and established the Health Information Office Program; and
- WHEREAS**, contracting for the additional PSFA's is both beneficial to the USET organization and all tribes within the Nashville Area, as these PSFA's provide a vital communication and information link between Indian Health Service and USET tribes; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby authorizes the USET Executive Director to continue efforts to collect individual tribal resolutions allowing for contract expansion and subsequent funding; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby authorizes the USET Executive Director to submit a letter of intent to contract to the IHS Nashville Area Office (NAO) and begin pre-negotiation activities.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

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.


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


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