



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:59

USET ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED FY2001 DOI/BIA BUDGET AND “CORE BUDGET TEAM”

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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,** U.S. President William J. Clinton recognized and reaffirmed the unique government-to-government relationship between the United States and American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribes by directing all Federal agencies to “consult to the greatest extent...with tribal governments...”and signed Executive Order 13084: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration in the development of policy and regulatory practices on Federal matters that significantly or uniquely affect AI/AN communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Assistant Secretary Kevin Gover and John Berry, Department of Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, provided strong support for addressing Indian Country needs with FY2001 funds during the National BIA FY2001 Budget Meeting in Fredericksburg, VA; and
- WHEREAS,** AI/AN leaders expressed their concerns and recommendations relating to budget and appropriation policies for development of the FY2001 and FY2002 budgets including a ranking of Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) programs during the National BIA Budget Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma May 31 and June 1, 2000; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby firmly and unanimously endorses and urges Congress to fully support, President Clinton’s proposed FY2001 budget by maintaining the proposed increase of \$1.2 billion over FY2000 funding levels for AN/AI programs; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors endorses the DOI/BIA Central Office concept of developing and implementing a “core budget team” consisting of two budget representatives from each Region who shall provide all necessary budget development information on a timely basis to all Regional Offices and AI/AN tribes; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors is committed to provide assistance with facilitation for a minimum of five national meetings with full funding to be provided by DOI/BIA, to commence with a National BIA Budget meeting modeled after the Indian Health Service budget process but incorporating all Office of Indian Education Program budget processes; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls for at least three meetings between DOI/BIA, AI/AN tribes and the Office of Management and Budget officials, the final being held after the “OMB Passback” for FY 2002; be it further

“Because there is strength in Unity”

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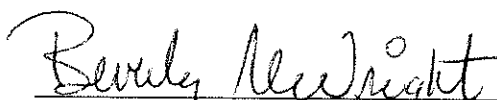
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors insists the DOI/BIA keep all AI/AN tribes informed of all activities and results of all meetings called for by this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.



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



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