



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:67

INCREASE IN BURIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

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, basic funeral costs for USET member Tribes continue to greatly exceed the established BIA payment standard; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors firmly believes that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) should be mandated to annually review and update its burial assistance payment standard; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors strongly urge the BIA to increase the burial assistance payment standard to a minimum of \$5,000.00 to be funded annually; be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors request that the BIA undertake an annual review and revision of the burial assistance payment standard to ensure that assistance levels will provide for the burial of Indian people in a dignified, respectful and culturally relevant manner.

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.