



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002: 061

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION SURVEY REGARDING TRIBAL CONSULTATION

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) is one of two major agencies within the United States government, whose sole focus is to serve federally-recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native Villages, the other being the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS is required by federal law to fulfill its mission through the provision of functions, services, programs and activities in accordance with the tenants of tribal participation and collaboration, including full tribal consultation; and
- WHEREAS,** IHS has taken the initiative to evaluate the effectiveness and level of satisfaction by tribes regarding tribal consultation efforts through a Federal Register notice of the intent to conduct a "Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, a member in good standing of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) has prepared written comment regarding the announcement, and said comment has been reviewed by the USET Health Committee and found to be representative of USET's position with respect to the IHS Stakeholder survey; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby adopts, recommends and supports the attached comments as prepared by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation with respect to the IHS Stakeholder Survey and its purpose, implementation and evaluation of IHS tribal consultation efforts and activities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 31, 2002.

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

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