



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:090

SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES FEASIBILITY STUDY AND AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE A BUSINESS PLAN TO CONTRACT ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

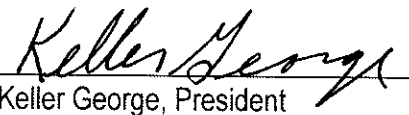
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for Indian Health continues to be appropriated at levels far below what is needed forcing tribes to look at more cost effective alternatives for provision of services; and
- WHEREAS,** to further compound the problem the Nashville Area Office (NAO) of the Indian Health Service (IHS) has not been responsive to the needs of the USET tribes they serve largely due to federal regulations and mandates governing federal employees; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET organization has successfully operated a Health Information Office program for seven years, a diabetes project for four years and an Epidemiology Center for two years on behalf of the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET organization is not as highly regulated by federal regulations/mandates and as a result is in a better position to develop programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) that meet the priorities of USET tribal health care delivery systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Information Office has continued to develop and implement new programs for the benefit of each USET member tribe and has the ability to use funds more effectively and efficiently than the federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** by virtue of it's make-up the USET Board of Directors will have more control over the direction of programs administered by USET; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of USET Resolution No. 2002:067 the USET Executive Director commissioned and independent study to determine the feasibility of contracting the PSFAs associated with the NAO Office of Public Health (OPH); and
- WHEREAS,** the Feasibility Study determined that it is feasible for the USET organization to contract for OPH PSFAs on behalf of the USET tribes for various reasons including, maximum tribal control over the development, implementation and direction of programs and protection of tribal shares from current trends within the Department of Health and Human Services; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors directs the USET Executive Director to: 1) submit a letter of intent to contract additional PSFAs to the NAO Director; 2) develop a business plan for presentation during the 2002 Annual Meeting; 3) convene a workgroup consisting of tribal health directors or their designees to provide a forum for direct tribal input throughout the development of the business plan; and, be it further

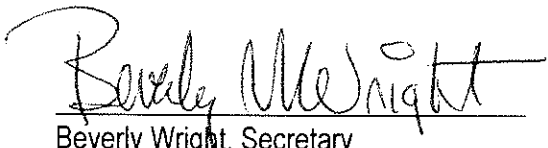
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RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors directs the NAO to provide all of the information and technical assistance necessary for the USET organization along with the small workgroup to develop a comprehensive business plan.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, TN, Thursday, June 13, 2002.


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


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