



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2003:026

### SUPPORT FOR USING THE MOST RECENTLY VALIDATED USER POPULATION FIGURES IN INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FUNDING FORMULAS

- 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,** until fiscal year 2001 the most recent user population figures used in Indian Health Service (IHS) funding formulas was from fiscal year 1998; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET member tribes have continuously advocated for the use of the most recent tribally validated user population figures in IHS funding formulas; and
- WHEREAS,** in fiscal year 2001, the USET Health Departments in coordination with the IHS Nashville Area Office (NAO) have worked extremely hard to verify their user population data to remove duplications and add new users; and
- WHEREAS,** each USET member tribe was given the opportunity to challenge the validity of their user population figures and those who did were successful in having their respective figures adjusted accordingly; and
- WHEREAS,** each USET Health Department can now validate the user population figures and correlate them to those accepted by the IHS; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors support the use of the tribally validated FY01 user population figures in all IHS funding formulas, nationally, regionally and locally; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that the FY01 user population figures be reviewed and validated by IHS and tribes on an annual basis to make certain that the data remains current.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

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

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