



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:032

SUPPORT FOR A REDUCTION IN THE SCOPE AND BREADTH OF GRANTS MONITORING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 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,** "...to provide Federal Assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance..." is the stated preamble purpose of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), P.L. 104-330, was passed by the United States Congress to provide low income housing for Indian families and recognized the right of tribal self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) block grant programs place responsibility on the Indian tribe, not on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- WHEREAS,** USET member tribes believe that HUD's role as stated in NAHASDA is to conduct "reviews" of tribal housing program administration, not intensive field audits which has been the case in the Northwest region only, over the past 12 months; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member tribes believe the current scope and breadth of the Grant Monitoring review process being undertaken by NwONAP, and likely other ONAP offices in the near future, intrudes upon tribal sovereignty, right to self-determination, and government-to-government relations; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby offer to support a request to the National Congress of American Indians and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to join with USET and NAIHC in demanding that HUD re-examine its role under NAHASDA with respect to the scope and breadth of current grants monitoring activities and revise its procedures to be consistent with the spirit of NAHASDA.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was presented 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.