



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:033

SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSING APPLICANTS

- 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,** the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) established income eligibility standards and requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** these requirements were determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), thereby infringing on Tribes' ability to determine their own requirements based on need; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States of America has certain trust responsibilities to all American Indians and Alaska Natives regardless of their income and related social circumstances; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indian Tribes and their governments are in the most responsible and qualified positions for determining the needs of their tribal members with regard to income eligibility standards; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby support a proposed NAHASDA Amendment to allow tribes to determine income eligibility standards for their tribal members for participation in their housing programs.

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.