



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:035

### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED AND INCREASING FUNDING OF INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT IMMINENT THREAT PROGRAM

- 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 Imminent Threat Program for the Indian Housing Block Grant was funded at \$70 million for FY 2002 and is earmarked to address health threats in the home such as those caused by lead paint, radon gas, mold and mildew and other hazardous materials; and
- WHEREAS,** mold and mildew in Indian housing is a national health threat; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of Indian housing projects affected were constructed using design criteria imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and HUD minimum property standards; and,
- WHEREAS,** many of the affected homes will have to be replaced in order to provide safe and sanitary housing as required under federal law; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby recommend that the Imminent Threat Program, at a minimum, resume funding at FY 2002 levels, to meet needs engendered by health threats in the home, particularly mold and mildew, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors further recommend that funding for the Imminent Threat Program be increased in a sufficient amount for each ensuing fiscal year to meet foreseeable health threats encompassed in the program.

### 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.