



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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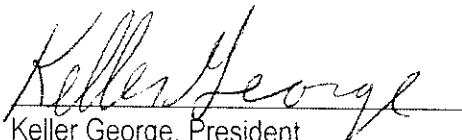
USET Resolution No. 2003:050

### ROAD MAINTENANCE FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

- 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,** USET supports the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Region Office, Division of Roads proposed formula for distribution of Road Maintenance funds, and appreciates the work of the appointed transportation tribal sub-committee which met with the BIA Eastern Region Roads staff in November, 2002, to develop the formula; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Transportation Committee agrees with the criteria set forth in the Road Maintenance Funding Formula and stresses the importance of following the five steps proposed for yearly distribution, including meeting yearly, with the Eastern Regional Roads staff, to determine that all parts of the formula are working properly for the USET tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors endorses the BIA Road Maintenance Funding Formula for the Eastern Region, presented to the USET Tribes on February 4, 2003, as it has been developed to encourage an annual review of the formula to ensure the maintenance funding of USET tribes is continuing to be equitably distributed.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 6, 2003.

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

  
Beverly M. Wright, Secretary  
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February 11, 2003

Mr. Franklin Keel  
Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office  
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214

Dear Mr. Keel:

I am writing on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four federally recognized tribes from twelve states. At the USET 2003 Impact Week Meeting held in Arlington, Virginia, February 3-6, 2003, the USET Board of Directors approved several resolutions on various areas of Indian affairs policy. Attached you will find two USET resolutions, pertaining directly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, presented for your consideration and advocacy on behalf of our member tribes.

2003:050 (Road Maintenance Distribution Formula)

2003:057 (Illegal Gaming by the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma in the State of New York)

Each of these resolutions is a public expression of our member tribes' views and public stances on specific issues affecting Indian country. USET would like to thank you for your continued support of the Tribes and we look forward to working with you to carry out the intent of each resolution. If you have any questions about these resolutions, please call the USET office at (615) 872-7900.

Sincerely,

Tiffany D. Cheuvront  
Bureau Information Officer

Cc: Brian Pogue, Deputy Regional Director, BIA/ERO  
Johnny Parham, Acting Supervisor, Roads & Transportation, BIA/ERO  
Larry Haley, Highway Engineer, BIA/ERO

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