



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:090

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONTINUED AND INCREASED 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 of 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 issue that continues to threaten American Indian communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of Indian housing projects affected by these hazardous conditions are constructed using design criteria imposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) minimum property standards, which are not compatible to Eastern climates; and
- WHEREAS,** many of the mold and mildew 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 recommends that the Indian Housing Block Grant's Imminent Threat Program, at a minimum, reinstate funding at FY 2002 levels, in order to minimize the dangerous health associated mold and mildew threats in the home caused by the poor design regulations, and; therefore be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors additionally requests funding for the Imminent Threat Program be increased by a sufficient amount in each ensuing fiscal year to diminish the Imminent threats of Indian Housing entities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was presented in Choctaw, MS, Thursday, June 5, 2003.

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

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