



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

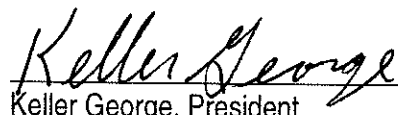
USET Resolution No. 2004:035

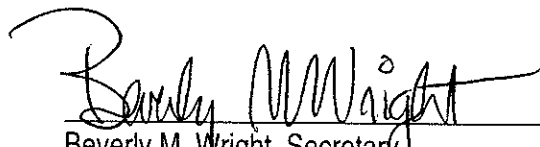
SUPPORT FOR A REDUCTION IN THE SCOPE AND BREADTH OF GRANTS MONITORING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY HUD

- 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 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, its preamble stating purpose as, "...to provide Federal Assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance..."; and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA block grant programs place responsibility on the Indian tribe, not on the 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 the Northwest Regional Office of Native American Programs (NwONAP), and likely other Office of Native American Program (ONAP) offices in the near future, intrudes upon a tribe's sovereignty, right to self-determination, and government-to-government relations; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby offer support as requested to the National Congress of American Indians and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to join with the National American Indian Housing Council 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 Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was presented in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, October 23, 2003.


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


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

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