



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:001

**SUPPORT FOR THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS (IAIA)
FISCAL YEAR 2006 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS**

- 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 Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is devoted solely to teaching and preserving American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) arts and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the IAIA is a national fine arts college offering baccalaureate degrees and associates degrees; and
- WHEREAS,** the IAIA has educated over 6,000 AI/AN students since its inception in 1962; and
- WHEREAS,** USET, Inc. is cognizant of the positive impact the IAIA has made on the recognition of AI/AN cultures via the arts; and
- WHEREAS,** the IAIA is expanding its educational programs and is building a center for Lifelong Education, Research, and Cultural Exchange; and
- WHEREAS,** the IAIA has been challenged by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to raise matching funds in the amount of twelve million dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** USET is strongly committed to the enrichment and preservation of AI/AN culture and arts, and to the continuance of IAIA; and
- WHEREAS,** USET continues to support the IAIA's Board of Trustees as it works to ensure its future; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby urge the President of the United States and Congress to fully fund the IAIA at a sufficient level to support core operations during Fiscal Year; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby urge the President of the United States and Congress to appropriate funding to assist the IAIA to raise matching funds for the Center for Lifelong Education, Research and Cultural Exchange.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

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

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

“Because there is strength in Unity”



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:002

REQUEST TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT STANDARD FOR BURIAL ASSISTANCE

- 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 Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs established a policy in Fiscal Year (FY) 00 on the maximum allowable costs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) burial assistance program; and
- WHEREAS,** burial costs have continued to increase over the past several years and these costs are placing undue hardship on Tribes attempting to provide burials that are culturally sensitive and appropriate; and
- WHEREAS,** the rise in burial costs has created a need for an increase to the standard burial assistance allowable costs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs to increase the maximum allowable cost for burial assistance from \$2500 to \$7000; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that the BIA Central Office and Eastern Regional Office advocate on behalf of the Tribes in support of an increase to the BIA burial assistance program.

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