



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2005:039

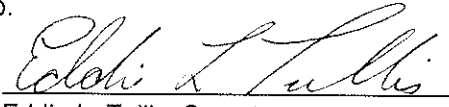
RESTORATION, REMEDIATION AND CONTINUATION OF INDIAN HOUSING SECTION 8 FUNDING

- 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 needs and issues affecting the USET member Tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the Tribes occupy; and
- WHEREAS,** a number of Indian Tribes successfully conducted Section 8 programs under the Public Housing Act of 1937; and
- WHEREAS,** upon implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), all Tribes holding Public Housing Section 8 Vouchers and Certificates lost their associated funding and were not compensated for that loss under the Indian Housing Block Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** following the implementation of NAHASDA in 1996, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) failed to put forth a good faith effort to conduct tribal consultations or negotiated rulemaking on the issue of compensation and remediation for the lost Section 8 Vouchers and Certificates; and
- WHEREAS,** the HUD Public Housing budget continues to maintain and utilize all of the Section 8 funding that had previously been assigned to Indian Housing Authorities prior to 1996; and
- WHEREAS,** the need within Indian Country for Section 8 Vouchers and Certificates has not diminished since 1996, and the housing need has increased in proportion to growing tribal populations; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors urges HUD to enter into good faith negotiations and consultations with Tribes to restore lost funding from 1996 to the present for Indian Housing Section 8 programs; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports direct Indian Housing Section 8 set aside funding to be delineated from HUD's Public Housing Section 8 allotment for FFY 2006; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Indian Housing Section 8 designated funding become an annual, recurring set aside based on need established through tribal consultations and the negotiated rulemaking process.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2005.


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


Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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