



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

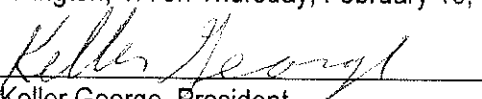
USET Resolution No. 2005:041

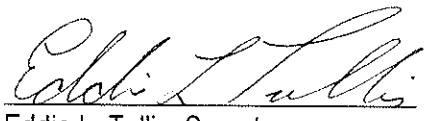
REQUEST FOR HUD TO CONSULT WITH TRIBES INDIVIDUALLY REGARDING FORMULA CENSUS DATA

- 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,** Presidential Executive Order 13175 directed Federal Agencies to conduct meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments regarding issues that affect them; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) has affirmed the government to government relationship of the federal government, individual Tribes and Alaska Native villages and their rights to self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formed a Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to review and potentially negotiate changes to the original formula for the disbursement of funds as required by NAHASDA, as amended; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2000 Census asked for respondents to identify their ethnic heritage, and included in this form was a section whereby the respondent could indicate whether they were a member of a federally recognized Tribe or multi-race, and many members of federally recognized Tribes indicated that they were of more than one race (multi-race); and
- WHEREAS,** HUD reviewed the 2000 census data and chose to use the multi-race population numbers rather than the American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) count without consulting with Tribes to determine the evidence and varied impact of this decision on the distribution of funds under the formula; and
- WHEREAS,** this decision by HUD undermined the fundamental and acknowledged right of Tribes to self-determination, and further erodes Tribal Sovereignty; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon HUD to consult with each Tribe receiving NAHASDA Block Grant funds to ascertain if they want to use Multi-race or American Indian /Alaska Native census data for purposes of calculating each Tribe's formula funding in a true government to government manner that recognizes the self determination and sovereignty of the Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual 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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