



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:051

EASTERN REGION UNOBLIGATED FUNDS

- 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Central Office has "swept" approximately \$3 million in unobligated funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office (BIA/ERO); and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Central Office has only returned approximately \$1 million to the BIA/ERO for the relocation of the offices to the new building; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Central Office requested submission of unmet needs from Tribes in order to re-distribute unobligated funds back to Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribes have unmet needs and have submitted funding requests to the Central Office for these unobligated funds; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the BIA Central Office to return all "swept" unobligated Eastern Region funds to the Eastern Region Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Eastern Regional Office to work with Tribes to formulate a process for distribution of unobligated funds among the Tribes before those funds can be "swept" by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office in future funding cycles.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

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

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