



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

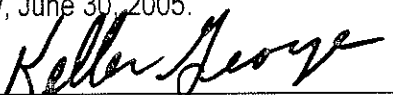
USET Resolution No. 2005:058

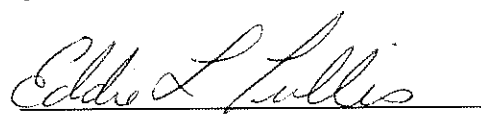
SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING OF NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF DETERMINATION ACT OF 1996

- 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,** there is a drastic need for safe, decent, and affordable housing in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) has never addressed the documented unmet need for housing in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed fiscal year 2006 appropriation for NAHASDA has been reduced by \$72.7 million below fiscal year 2005 enacted levels within the U.S. House Appropriations Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for NAHASDA has diminished annually and if the presently proposed House Appropriations Committee budget for NAHASDA is approved, funding will have been reduced by more than \$95 million since 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed budget reduces the funding to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) for training and technical assistance from \$4.6 million to \$ 2.2 million; and
- WHEREAS,** training and technical assistance is essential to Tribes to ensure that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs will be implemented in a proper manner; and
- WHEREAS,** the placement of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funding within the scope of NAHASDA will significantly diminish the original intent of NAHASDA to solely fund housing activities, and may potentially diminish the original intent of the ICDBG to fund economic development activities; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the House Appropriations Committee to restore funding to NAHASDA for the Indian Community Development Block Grant and by restoring \$ 2.4 million to the National American Indian Housing Council's training and technical assistance program and restoring reductions of \$72.7 million to the overall Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act for a total appropriation of \$723 million in fiscal year 2006; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors urges Housing and Urban Development to fund the Indian Community Development Block Grant under a separate, stand alone line-item and that this funding not be included in the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act appropriation.

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.

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