



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:067

SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT AND RELATED PILOT PROJECTS

- 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 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) was enacted by Congress in 1993 in order to promote a focus on program performance and to provide greater accountability for results within federal government agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** GPRA has proven to be a quality measuring tool for the healthcare provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS); and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) uses GPRA as a performance tool for appropriations, which has led to the development of the Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART); and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS Office of Tribal Self-Governance (OTSG) has funded a GPRA pilot project for the USET member tribes since FY 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of the USET GPRA Pilot Project is to improve the GPRA indicators for the IHS Nashville Area Office (NAO), which in turn improves the quality of healthcare for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET GPRA Pilot Project has been instrumental in improving the quality and quantity of the data collection system for Nashville Area Tribes resulting in a GPRA indicators reporting increase from 72% to 92%; and
- WHEREAS,** the increased ability of Tribes to qualify and quantify their data has facilitated the accurate portrayal of the health disparities that exist between the AI/AN population as compared to the U.S. general population, which will assist Tribes in future budget justifications; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET GPRA Pilot Project is viewed as a success by member tribes, IHS/NAO and IHS/OTSG, because it has improved the IHS/NAO GPRA report, the data in the Resource Patient Management System (RPMS), and the training of healthcare staff in IHS standards of care; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the Government Performance and Results Act as a quality performance tool for the IHS and believes it has the capacity to improve Indian Health Service program performance, thus providing quality healthcare to American Indian/Alaska Native people; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that the Indian Health Service Office of Tribal Self-Governance make the USET GPRA Pilot Project a permanent project within USET with recurring funding.

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.

"Because there is strength in Unity"