



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2006:013

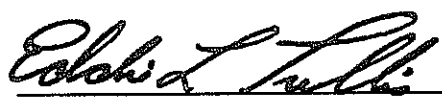
**SUPPORT FOR SENATE FUNDING OF NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE
AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**

- 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,** Congress recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development in Indian Country when they passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) as amended; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for housing and economic development continues to grow and NAHASDA continues to be funded at diminishing levels; and
- WHEREAS,** the costs of construction and maintenance of housing units are dramatically increasing due to the results of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and
- WHEREAS,** for fiscal year 2006 the House of Representatives appropriation proposes to cut the funding of NAHASDA by more than \$90 million, and
- WHEREAS,** for fiscal year 2006 the Senate proposes funding at the fiscal year 2005 level, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors supports the appropriation level of HR 3058, as proposed by the Senate; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports an appropriation that will include an inflation factor for fiscal year 2006 to help offset the rapidly increasing costs of maintaining the current assisted stock and offsetting the increased costs of construction due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that there be no language contained in HR 3058 changing the Tribal formula funding, and, further be it
- RESOLVED** that there be no language contained in HR 3058 setting aside funding for what will be known as the Affordable Housing and Economic Development Technical Assistance Board.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, October 13, 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”