



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:030

SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL BY-LAWS TO PROHIBIT THE DIRECT HIRING OF OUTSIDE ADVOCACY BY THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

- 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 National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) represents the voice of Indian housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors believes that the appearance of a conflict of interest is as detrimental as an actual conflict of interest; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairman of NAIHC is elected by the membership to represent the majority of the membership of the organization as stated in the organization's by-laws; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairman, as a visible voice for Indian housing, must work through the governmental affairs of the organization to advocate for the need to improve housing conditions in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of NAIHC approached the USET Board; therefore the USET Board of Directors supports the actions of NAIHC; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairman of NAIHC is elected to advance the organization's agenda to improve Indian housing, not to hinder or oppose the mission of the organization, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors support amendments to the NAIHC By-laws that would prohibit the Chairman of NAIHC from directly hiring, consulting, or coordinating with external firms, advocates, etc., on advocacy issues while Chairman of the NAIHC; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the NAIHC by-laws be amended to avoid the appearance of or the actual conflict of interest by the Chairman by prohibiting the Chairman from directly hiring, consulting or coordinating with external firms, advocates, etc., and that the by-laws should be further amended to allow for the majority of the Board of Directors of NAIHC to remove the Chairman if a conflict of interest does occur.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

Keller George, President

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary

“Because there is strength in Unity”