



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:052

**SUPPORT FOR REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EVEN START
FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM**

- 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 Even Start Family Literacy Program provides assistance to Indian Tribes to build literacy and meet the unique culturally related academic needs of their American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) families; and
- WHEREAS,** the Even Start Family Literacy Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education through contracts with Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations and State departments of education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Even Start Family Literacy Program provides funding for a number of USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the President, in the FY 2007 Budget Request, has not requested adequate funding necessary to carry out the Even Start Family Literacy Program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests action be taken by Congress to reinstate the funding available for the Even Start Family Literacy Program in the FY2007 appropriation to the FY 2006 enacted level with inflation adjustment, so that programs and services currently being funded for AI/AN families will not be interrupted.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY, on Thursday, June 8, 2006.

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

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