



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:060

SUPPORTING CHANGES TO THE TITLE IV-B PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM TO IMPROVE TRIBAL ACCESS AND BENEFITS

- 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 Title IV-B Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (Title IV-B) is a vital program to Tribal governments in their work to strengthen families and ensure permanency for American Indian and Alaska Native children; and
- WHEREAS,** Title IV-B is up for reauthorization in FY2006 and the Children's Bureau has requested comments from Tribal governments on concerns that could be addressed in the reauthorization process; and
- WHEREAS,** Title IV-B allows direct access to approximately 90 Tribal governments based upon the statutory funding formula, but could, however, benefit all Tribes and should be made available; and
- WHEREAS,** the overall funding for Tribes under Title IV-B will both increase grants for existing Tribal grantees, as well as the overall number of Tribes eligible for these funds; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the following changes to Title IV-B that would increase program access for all Tribes and provide the necessary funding to implement the goals of the program including:
1. Increase the Tribal reserved portions of the program from 1% mandatory to 3%;
 2. Increase the Tribal reserved portions of the program from 2% discretionary to 3%;
 3. Allow Tribal consortium to be eligible to apply for and receive funding from this program;
 4. Establish a Tribal court improvement fund of \$2 million per year similar to the state court improvement program (e.g. training, court procedures and code development, and improving data collection).

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.

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