



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2007:029

RESPONSE TO FY 2008 PROPOSED PRESIDENTS BUDGET REQUEST FOR
EPA PROGRAMS WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS


- 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, on February 6, 2007, the President released the Administration's FY 2008 Proposed Budget Request, including, but not limited to, requests for Tribal natural resources and environmental program funding within the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); and
- WHEREAS, adequate funding for Tribal natural resources and environmental programs is essential to ensure the health of Tribal communities through access to safe drinking water, clean air quality, and decreased occurrence of toxins in traditional foods and medicines; and
- WHEREAS, USET representatives are actively involved in budget advisory committees that provide budget recommendations and justification for inclusion in the President's Budget Request, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) National Tribal Caucus (NTC); and
- WHEREAS, although the President's FY 2008 Budget Request provides level funding for some Tribal natural resources and environmental programs, several significant programs have been eliminated or significantly cut in comparison to the FY 2006 enacted amounts; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the funding recommendations of the National Tribal Caucus as follows:
- \$31,245,000 Cleaner Air and Global Climate Change
 - \$133,978,000 Clean and Safe Drinking Water
 - \$85,726,230 Land Preservation and Restoration
 - \$31,530,000 Healthy Communities and Ecosystems
 - \$75,885,000 Compliance and Environmental Stewardship

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 15, 2007.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Cheryl Downing, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"