



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:040

**SUPPORT OF NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES THROUGH 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,** the Administration's proposed budget for FY 2006 did not contain any funding for the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC); and
- WHEREAS,** Congress approved earmark funding for the enacted FY06 budget in the amount of \$1 Million; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress is currently working under a Continuing Resolution that requires the use of funding amounts from FY06 enacted budget, not including earmark funds, be used in FY07 Continuing Resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** this Continuing Resolution resulted in no funding for the NAIHC training and technical assistance programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 provides in Section 703 that funding be provided to a national housing association to provide training and technical assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** this training was essential for the USET Tribes and all of Indian Country to provide detailed training to allow Tribes to stay in compliance with the National American Indian Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act and to train their staff regarding Housing Regulations, Policies and Procedures; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon Congress to appropriate no less than \$2 Million to be appropriated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for contracts with the National American Indian Housing Council for training and technical assistance to the Tribes, as well as funding for all ensuing years be labeled as a separate appropriation for training and technical assistance.

**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.

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