



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2008:007


### RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR DR. CHARLES W. GRIM'S DEDICATION AND EFFORTS TO ELEVATE THE HEALTH STATUS OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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,** each of the USET member Tribes operates a health care delivery system for the benefit of their members; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the goal of USET Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) to assist Tribes to elevate the health status of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Charles W. Grim served with compassion, dedication and strong effort, as the IHS Director for four years beginning in July 2003; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Grim was a highly decorated Rear Admiral within the Commission Corps and within his home State of Oklahoma which declared June 11, 2003, "Charles W. Grim Day"; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Grim also served as the Vice-Chair of the Secretary's Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA) where he was instrumental in developing and promoting Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-wide policy to provide quality services for AI/AN people; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Grim thrived in his role as IHS Director in spite of numerous obstacles including, but not limited to, diminished appropriations, wartime, and unfavorable court rulings; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Grim was accessible to Tribal Leaders and their communities in complete support of Tribal Consultation and was a tireless advocate for AI/AN people locally, nationally and internationally, many times sacrificing time with his family; and
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Director's express their deepest appreciation to Dr. Charles W. Grim for the outstanding service provided during his tenure as the Indian Health Service Director; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Director's commends Dr. Grim's most personal decision to return to his home in Oklahoma and dedicate more time to his family.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, October 18, 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"*