USET Resolution No. 2011:019

SUPPORT FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES EMERGENCY FUNDS AND REQUEST FOR TIMELY NOTICE

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, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) created the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Fund under the Administration of Children and Families (ACF); and

WHEREAS, eligibility for the new TANF Emergency Fund services is not limited to existing TANF eligibility requirements; as the new fund was designed to provide help to many Indian families in need, including children in or at risk of being placed in foster care, victims of domestic violence, families with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) House of Representatives passed H.R. 4849 – the "Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010," which contained a one-year extension of the TANF Emergency Fund. However, the Senate was not able to approve the bill before the end of the 111th Congressional Session and hopes to obtain passage in the lame duck session; and

WHEREAS, this is a new funding source that USET Tribes were unable to access due to the lack of notification and knowledge of the funding opportunity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the passage of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Extension Fund, recommend a Tribal set aside, and request timely notification of funding announcements so Indian Tribes can apply and access funding that will improve the quality of life for Tribal families.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.