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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 111<sup>th</sup> 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.