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USET Resolution No. 2010:006

REGONITION AND APPRECIATION FOR SENATOR BYRON L. DORGAN, CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS AND THE DEDICATION SHOWN TO 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,** Senator Byron L. Dorgan served as United States Senator from North Dakota for eighteen years from 1992 to 2010, after serving six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Dorgan dutifully served on a number of Senate Committees including, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Dorgan was appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Chairman, Senator Dorgan served with compassion, dedication and strong effort to uphold the United States' treaty and trust obligations to all federally recognized Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Dorgan has been a commendable advocate for Indian Country and the issues that affect American Indians and Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Dorgan has time and time again fought for the interests of Indian Country including, but not limited to, the Tribal Law and Order Act, Indian Energy Development, Water Rights Settlements and Tribal provisions within the National Health Care Reform Legislation, Transportation and Education Laws; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Dorgan has worked throughout the years with Indian Tribes to achieve the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization. Currently, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act is the closest its ever been to being reauthorized and signed into law, thereby elevating the health status of American Indian/Alaska Native people; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors express their deepest appreciation to Senator Byron L. Dorgan and commends him for the outstanding service provided during his tenure as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

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

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