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USET Resolution No. 2010:013

**SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION OF TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION IN
THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 FEDERAL BUDGET**

- 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 health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors supports Tribal control over Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1988, United States (U.S.) Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments (TED) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget of the U.S. Department of the Interior (P.L. No.100-297, Section 5199); and in 1994, U.S. Congress authorized appropriations for TEDs in the budget of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) (P. L. No, 103-382, Section 9125); and
- WHEREAS,** both of these authorizations are retained in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001: the BIA authorization is in NCLB Title X, Section 1140, currently codified at 25 U.S.C. Section 2020(a) and the DOE authorization is in NCLB Title VII, Section 7135, currently codified as 20 U.S.C. Section 7455; and
- WHEREAS,** in these authorizations, the U.S. Congress envisions TEDs as facilitating Tribal control over education, coordinating education programs, developing and enforcing Tribal education codes policies, and standards, and providing support services and technical assistance to schools and programs; and
- WHEREAS,** securing Federal funding for TEDs is critical to achieving the Congressional intent of Tribal sovereignty and control over education and to secure equality in the education of American Indian/Alaska Native children; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the appropriation of two million dollars for both the United States Department of the Interior and the United States Department of Education fiscal year 2011 budgets for Tribal Education Departments.

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.