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USET Resolution No. 2010:032

SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYING AMERICAN INDIANS/ALASKA NATIVES IN THE OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

- 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,** USET member Tribes receive funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Indian Community Development Block Grant and the Indian Housing Block Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** HUD does not practice Indian Preference in its hiring practices for the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP); and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that HUD staff understands the historical and cultural needs of the Indian Tribes.
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges Congress to support a mandated Indian preference hiring policy for the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs providing for Indian preference in opportunities for employment, vacancies, training, and promotions through Executive Order or law; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Executive Director is authorized to contact the Executive branch officials and Congressional representatives in pursuance of such preference.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mobile, AL, on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
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