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USET Resolution No. 2010:033

**SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

- 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) provides assistance to the Indian Tribes for the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) for rehabilitation of Tribal homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the HIP requirements for acceptance do not recognize the needs of USET Tribes in the areas of income limits and values of the housing market, and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Eastern Region receives a set percentage of funding from the BIA Central Office for the HIP annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Regional Office has a demonstrated need for increased funding for the HIP; and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Regional office has not received an increased percentage of funding for the HIP despite demonstrated need for safe sanitary housing for Tribal members; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges Congress to increase the annual appropriation of Housing Improvement Program funds for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office to increase the percentage of funding for the Housing Improvement Program for the Eastern Region to provide for the safe sanitary housing needs of Eastern Region Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly urges Congress to direct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to revamp their criteria for eligibility for the Housing Improvement Program; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges Congress to increase the Housing Improvement Program appropriations of the HIP Program to provide sufficient funding to address the unmet need for housing assistance to the Eastern Region.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.