USET Resolution No. 2010:034

INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDED 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, the President’s Budget appropriation for the Indian Housing Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2011 is reduced by seventeen percent (17%); and

WHEREAS, the need for safe and sanitary housing in Indian Country continues to be of major proportions; and

WHEREAS, USET member Tribes do not have the financial capacity to provide for their respective Tribal housing needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, this same need exists for members of federally recognized and state recognized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, funding for training and technical assistance is an integral part of the success of the Indian Housing Block Grant, and the National American Indian Housing Council has created training programs for Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act recipients; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors urges Congress to support increased funding for Indian Housing Programs and training and technical assistance including funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of $875 million funding for the Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $100 million and funding for the National American Indian Housing Council Training and Technical Assistance program in the amount of $4.8 million.

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.