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USET Resolution No. 2011:038

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2012 FUNDING PRIORITIES**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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,** adequate funding for child welfare services is essential to the health, social and economic well being of tribal children, adults, and the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Social Services Committee has identified the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funding priorities to support the operation of Tribal social service programs:
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs Child Welfare Assistance
 - Administration of Children and Families Title IV-B, Subpart 1
 - Administration of Children and Families Title IV-B, Subpart 2
 - Title II, Community-Based Grants for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through various treaties and executive orders; and
- WHEREAS,** the special relationship must be considered when analyzing budget priorities in adherence to the President's sound fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** a proposed reduction to FY 2008 levels, with inflation considered, would equate to a drastic reduction to already severely underfunded Indian programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls for the exemption of all Indian programs from any mandatory budget reduction imposed for Fiscal Year 2012 and beyond; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the identified funding priorities for Tribal social services programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.