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USET Resolution No. 2011:042

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. HEALTH 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 Indian Tribal and Urban Health programs is essential to the health, social and economic well being of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Committee has identified the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funding priorities to support the advancement of Indian Health Programs within the Indian Health Service (IHS):
1. Hold harmless IHS funding increases from FY 2008, 2009 and 2010
 2. Contract Health Service Program
 3. Contract Support Costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through various treaties and executive orders; and
- WHEREAS,** this 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 to advance the Indian Health Programs within the Indian Health Service Nashville Area.

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.