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USET Resolution No. 2012:033

SUPPORT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

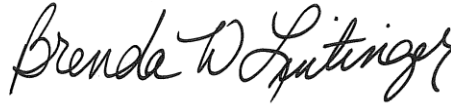
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** since at least 1975 the fundamental policy of Congress with respect to American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Tribes/Villages has been to encourage the policy of self-determination and self-governance; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of the Federal Government's unique political relationship with Tribal Governments, the Indian Health Service (IHS), in partnership with Indian Tribes, provides health care to members of more than 565 Federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated 2.9 million AI/ANs will be eligible beneficiaries for IHS services in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to provide quality services adequate appropriations are required to make a positive impact on the health status of the AI/AN population; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Presidents Budget supports the missions of the HHS, IHS and Tribal Governments by requesting increased appropriations to Contract Health Service, Health Information Technology, Contract Support Costs, Population Growth and Inflation as well as other important line items; and
- WHEREAS,** the FY13 budget request for the IHS was \$5.5 billion, with a net increase of \$116 million over the FY12 budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS has received requests for increases in several line items while other HHS Divisions have received decreases; and
- WHEREAS,** the true need identified to fully meet the health care needs of the AI/AN population is approximately \$22.1 billion, however in the current funding environment any increase is appreciated; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors appreciates, endorses and supports the FY 2013 President's Budget Request; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the requested increases and add additional increases to assist the Indian Health Service and Tribal Governments to further meet the health care delivery service needs of the AI/AN population; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Indian Health Service budget increases from fiscal years 2008 through 2012 be held harmless from any future deficits, rescissions, or sequestration.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 16, 2012.



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



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”