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USET Resolution No. 2012:047

REQUESTS FOR THE USET BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PETITION CONGRESS FOR FUNDING INDIAN EDUCATION

- 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,** the education of Native students is of paramount importance to the future of Native peoples, the survival of Native cultures and the vitality of Native communities and economies; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has acknowledged its trust responsibility to Indian Tribes for the Education of Native Students; and
- WHEREAS,** proposed Federal budget cuts in FY2013 and as a component of the 2011 Budget Control Act deficit reductions would have a devastating effect on these critical programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Congress to protect and defend the current funding levels of Indian Education Programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Brian Patterson, President
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