



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### **USET Resolution No. 2014:009**

#### **SUPPORT FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM WITHIN THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**

- 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,** Tribal Nations continue to suffer from a lack of affordable and safe housing as well as adverse living conditions in existing homes in the United States (U.S.); and
- WHEREAS,** over the last 90 years, American Indians and Alaska Natives have volunteered to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces at a higher rate than any other ethnic group of persons in the country, and many have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their effort; and
- WHEREAS,** many more have returned home as military veterans to their Tribal Nations, and face numerous challenges in obtaining housing opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** preventing and ending homelessness among veterans by 2015 is a national priority that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its federal partners, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), have taken decisive action to achieve; and
- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 1352 is a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) is being considered in the 113th Congress; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 401 of NAHASDA calls for a demonstration of rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the U.S. recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Senate Bill 1352, the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports section 401 of Senate Bill 1352 which authorizes the Secretary to implement a rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program, in

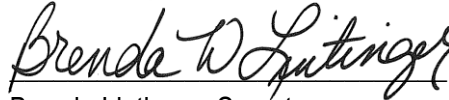
cooperation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for the benefit of Indian veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and who are residing on or near Indian lands.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on Thursday, October 31, 2013.



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



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