

UNITED SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-05

- RE: Funding, monitoring and supportive evaluation of alcoholism treatment/ rehabilitation programs for federally recognized Indian reservation communities at the national level.
- WHEREAS, the treatment, rehabilitation and prevention of alcoholism is one of the top priorities of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), and
- WHEREAS, the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc. provides training and administrative support to alcoholism programs on its following membership tribes, Cherokee, Choctaw, Seminole, Miccosukee and Seneca, and
- WHEREAS, these programs are currently being funded through the Special Projects Branch of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and
- WHEREAS, the Special Projects Branch of NIAAA, if maintained by the extension of or reenactment of the P.L. 91-616 (Hughes Bill), will be transferred to the National Institute of Health by federal executive order, and
- WHEREAS, the NIH is primarily a research oriented agency, and
- WHEREAS, if the Hughes Bill is not reenacted, 6.4 million dollars and approximately 101 Indian alcoholism programs will be terminated by executive order and such programs will be subjected to competing for state alcoholism formula grant monies on a revenue sharing basis for survival, and
- WHEREAS, it is the consensus of most national Indian organizations, tribes and Indian leaders that such programs will not be able to receive adequate funding in competition with other state alcoholism programs, and
- WHEREAS, USET regards alcoholism treatment, rehabilitation and prevention in the broad scope of health oriented problems, that in a comprehensive community health approach that the problem be given special consideration within the federal government and especially under the auspices of the PHS-Indian Health Service, and
- WHEREAS, the PHS-Indian Health Service has the primary responsibility of combating Indian health problems, that
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all currently existing alcoholism program funding monies in the Special Projects Branch of NIAAA as currently being used to fund alcoholism programs on federally recognized Indian reservation communities be transferred to the PHS-Indian Health Service, for that agency's administration, continued support and advocacy, and program evaluation.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Southeastern Tribes, Inc., properly convened and held in Hollywood, Florida, June 21-22, 1973, the above resolution was duly adopted, by a unanimous vote of 17 in favor, none against, with one absent.

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