UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-234

ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR USET AREA ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS

- whereas, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and
- WHEREAS, the USET Board has established the USET Health Directors Committee for the purpose of reviewing issues of concern and policy regarding health care programs for and/or affecting USET member tribes, and to provide the Board with proposed recommendations and resolutions for the Board's consideration; and
- whereas, the NAO Certification Board is established to monitor and provide administrative direction for those alcohol and substance abuse positions of Tribal Health Workers (paraprofessionals) not covered by national or state licensor/certification who require training and a need to be certified. To insure that Health Care Providers are highly qualified and working under structured and acceptable standards; and
- WHEREAS, the Certification Board Governing Body shall exercise authority and responsibility to ensure that quality Health Care Providers are responding to the health care needs of patients in our tribal communities; and
- whereas, this Board is established for the sole purpose of alcohol and substance abuse program worker (i.e. Counselor, Associate Counselor) certification; and
- whereas, the participation in the Certification process established by this Board is entirely optional to each tribal program,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board endorses the establishment of the NAO Certification Board, its Governing Body.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, Tennessee; July 27, 1989.

Joel M. Frank, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Harold Tarbell, Secretary

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