

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 92-01MS

DAVIS-BACON RESOLUTION

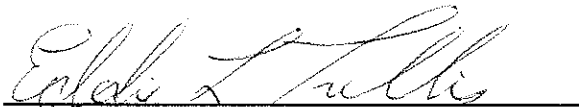
- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Indian Housing Authorities Association (EIHAA) has been established as a housing committee of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** EIHAA was created to assist Indian Housing Authorities to carry out their purposes, as stated in 24 CFR 905.108, Appendix I as follows: 1. Remedying unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; 2. Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; and 3. Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Housing Authorities secure funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Indian Programs (HUD-OIP) for the construction and renovation of housing units for low income families to further the purposes as stated above; and
- WHEREAS,** HUD-OIP projects currently require the use of Davis-Bacon determined wage rates and the intent of Davis-Bacon wage rates is to provide an equitable wage to workers on projects funded by the Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Housing Authorities also desire to provide an equitable wage rate on projects funded by HUD in accordance with their purpose #3 stated above; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Governments and Indian Housing Authorities are in a suitable position to determine an equitable wage rate in their area; and
- WHEREAS,** establishing wage rates for Indian areas by Tribal Governments or Indian Housing Authorities is consistent with Indian self-determination and would greatly diminish the conflicts that are experienced when multiple projects, funded by different sources, are undertaken in any given Indian area; and
- WHEREAS,** Davis-Bacon wage rates are not reflective of the prevailing economic conditions of the geographic locations particular to tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Indian Housing Authorities Association supports an amendment to the Davis-Bacon Act [40 U.S.C. 276a through 276a-5] to exclude the required application of Davis-Bacon wage rates on HUD Indian Housing Projects.

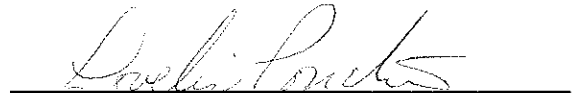
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that EIHAA supports the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Hawaiian Housing recommendation that "the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (stated above) be waived in conjunction with any construction, alteration, or repairs, including painting and decorating, carried out pursuant to any contract entered into in connection with any housing project."

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Biloxi, Mississippi on October 29, 1992.



Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Lovelin Poncho, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.