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**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. 94-07-DC

**HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVES**

- WHEREAS**, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) 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 Community Health Representative (CHR) Program is a Tribal directed program funded by the Indian Health Service (IHS), through a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or compact with a Tribe or Tribal organization; and
- WHEREAS**, the program consists of community-based, well-trained, health care providers, who are trained in the basic community health concepts, and provide health promotion/disease prevention and advocacy services in their American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the CHR Program was established by Congress in 1968 in response to the expressed needs of AI/ANs and IHS, for an outreach health component to meet unique cross/multi-cultural health care needs; and
- WHEREAS**, the CHR Program is proven to be an essential component for the AI/AN and IHS comprehensive health care delivery system that offers a unique cross/multi-cultural setting which could proceed directly to the "bio-medical transfer initiatives" as well as the "reinvention/innovation of government initiatives"; and
- WHEREAS**, Health Care Reform legislation as it is proposed **does not provide for the CHR Program nor does it authorize specific resources for it.**

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

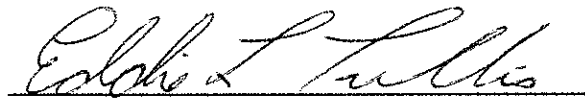
## USET RESOLUTION 94-07-DC

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the USET Tribes support and request the Administration and the U.S. Congress to include the CHR Program and its specific appropriation in the Core Benefits Package of the IHS section in the Health Care Reform legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Vice President's Committee on Reinventing Government use the CHR Program as a "demonstration setting" for some of these new bio-medical technologies.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., on February 24, 1994.



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



Keller George, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.