



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

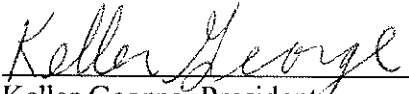
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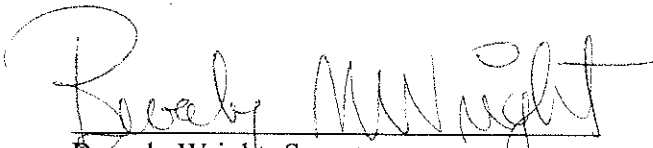
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT SUPPORT REPORT

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the House Appropriations Committee directed the Indian Health Service to work with tribes, the BIA, and the Inspector General at the Department of Interior to contain the cost escalation in the contract support costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service responded to the Committees' directive by conducting a study of the Indian Self-Determination Contractors and Compactors who receive contract support funding under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638 through Indirect Cost Rate Agreements; and
- WHEREAS,** from this study the Indian Health Service has developed a report that clearly shows that the increase in Contract Support Costs funding request is not due to an escalation in Indirect Cost Rates but that more than any other factor, this rapid growth in Contract Support Costs is due to the increase in Tribes' contracting programs, services, function, and activities (PFSA) under P.L. 93-638; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., supports the findings and conclusions of the Indian Health Service report; and further, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., calls upon the Secretaries of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Interior to advocate for the findings and conclusions contained in the report; and further, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the appropriate Secretary(s) submits sufficient contract support funding request in their budget process.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Semi-Annual meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, Louisiana on Wednesday, May 21, 1997.


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


Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.