



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

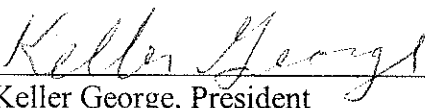
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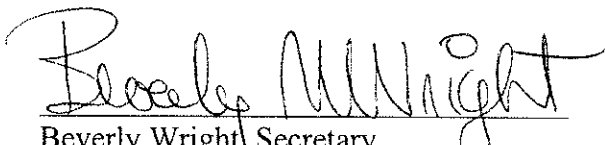
SUPPORT FOR A MULTI-DISCIPLINE TEAM APPROACH TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR TRIBAL FAMILIES

- WHEREAS**, the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Board of Directors is dedicated and committed to the needs of its tribes and members to the goal of preserving the sovereignty, inherent rights, integrity, and stability of our Indian children and families; and
- WHEREAS**, the reports and incident rates of domestic violence are increasing in Tribal homes within the USET Tribes; at the same time funding and staffing resources to meet domestic violence needs are decreasing; and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Committees began addressing the area of domestic violence last year upon realizing the need for shared responsibilities and shared resources, the Education, Health, Social Services and Tribal Justice Committees have met jointly [have united] in an effort to stop domestic violence within the USET Tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, this recognition for the need for a multi-discipline team approach can be:
- For funding - Bureau of Indian Affairs, DHHS Indian Health Services and Administration for Children & Families, Department of Justice and Tribal funds
 - For providers - social workers, medical emergency and mental health personnel, law enforcement, educators
 - For guidance - Tribal government, cultural and spiritual leaders; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors unites and supports this collaborative multi-discipline team effort to stop domestic violence in our Tribal communities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the annual USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 5, 1998.


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


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

“Because there is strength in Unity”