



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:43

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE FY 2001 NEEDS BASED
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET**

- WHEREAS**, 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**, USET has dedicated its efforts "...to the improvement of the quality of life for American Indians through increased health,..."; and
- WHEREAS**, since at least 1975, the fundamental policy of Congress with respect to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) nations has been to encourage the policy of self-determination and self-governance; and
- WHEREAS**, this policy intends to transfer effective control and operations of programs previously controlled and operated by the federal government for the benefit of AI/AN people; and
- WHEREAS**, tribal governments are locally based and therefore are in the best position to know the needs of the AI/AN people; and
- WHEREAS**, a \$15 billion Indian Health Service FY 2001 budget has been developed through consultation with AI/AN tribal governments and this budget was based upon Tribal need; and
- WHEREAS**, this budget has been endorsed by the National Indian Health Board, National Congress of American Indians, Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee and National Council on Urban Indians and was presented to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 2, 1999; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors endorses the \$15 billion FY 2001 budget and strongly encourages Congress, and the Administration to recognize the need for this budget to raise the health status of AI/AN people and achieve the goal of eliminating racial disparities in health care.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

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

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