OPPOSITION TO THE LEVEL OF NEED FUNDED STUDY SANCTIONED BY THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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 tribes, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (IHS) convened a workgroup consisting of a tribal representative from each IHS Area and sanctioned a Level of Need Funded (LNF) Study that resulted in a LNF Report; and

WHEREAS, the LNF Report contains information which could be detrimental to future health care funding allocated for USET member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the data used in the formulas contained within the LNF Report is outdated and inaccurate, thus creating inaccurate statistics that are meant to be representative of USET member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the LNF study does not capture the true level need which would include wrap-around services; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the LNF workgroup does not take the place of formal tribal consultation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED for the reasons outlined above the USET Board of Directors is opposed to the current LNF Report; be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors recommends that the LNF workgroup reconvene to review the most current data available including consultation with individual tribes to allow for tribal validation of data being utilized.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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

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

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