USSET Resolution No. 2000:60

AUTHORIZATION OF SUPPORT FOR CATAWBA IDENTIFICATION PRODUCTS TO DEVELOP A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HEALTH IDENTIFICATION CARD

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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 Catawba Indian Nation is a federally recognized Tribe, a member of NCAI, and the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), a nonprofit organization incorporated in 1969 and comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes served by the Indian Health Services through the Nashville Area Office; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with funding restrictions and guidelines set aside for the usage of IHS funds; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for tribes is predicated on the number of members in a tribe, uses of the tribal clinics and total number of people served annually in clinics; and

WHEREAS, tribes from various Nations have people traveling, representing their tribes at various meetings and functions; and

WHEREAS, these tribal clinics can offer various services in cases of emergencies and illness or act as the referral source for proper medical care; and

WHEREAS, Catawba Identification Products can design a card that would include a recognizable IHS logo, with only the individual's name, tribal affiliation, medicines required for daily health maintenance purposes, any medicines that may cause allergic reactions in a decoded fashion, and a toll-free number if needed verification; and

WHEREAS, it will undertake to work with Indian Health Services National office to put together this project through the Health Information Office Program; and

WHEREAS, the Catawba Indian Nation is asking for the support of the USET tribes to act as the pilot test area for this project; therefore, be it

RESOLVED USET Board of Directors agrees to present the Catawba Identification Products project at the Indian Health Services meeting July 19 and 20, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.

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

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

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