



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2000:71

### SUPPORT OF REVISIONS TO THE STAFFORD ACT

- 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 USET Board is requesting a change to the distribution of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants and program assistance, such as Comprehensive HAZMAT Emergency Response Capability Assessment Program (CHER-Cap), Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC), Impact 2000, to provide direct support and contract support; and
- WHEREAS,** to create a government-to-government relationship that recognizes tribal sovereignty FEMA should eliminate the current distribution of funds that pass through Federal and State agencies and allow for distribution of these funds directly to the tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports legislation to revise the Stafford Act adding Indian Nations as direct recipients; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recommends that the FEMA Tribal Regulation Liaison be responsible for updating Tribes on current and potential FEMA regulated support; i.e., training materials, drills, monies, and system tie ins, through programs like Project Impact.

### 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.