



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:72

ENDORSEMENT OF THE FY 2002 NEEDS BASED INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET

- 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,** 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 operation 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,** an \$18 billion Indian Health Service FY 2002 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 will be presented to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 9, 2000; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors endorses the \$18 billion FY 2002 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, 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.

“Because there is strength in Unity”