



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:73

**SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL
UNDER THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM FOR
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE AND URBAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES**

- 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 is committed to the goal of elevating the health status of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people to the highest possible level; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) appropriation has been increasing at a level inconsistent with the population tribal governments are required to serve under 42CFR36 (Eligibility); and
- WHEREAS,** tribal governments have become adept at providing quality services to a larger population in an inadequate funding environment; and
- WHEREAS,** efficient use of limited funds is necessary and tribes must have the tools required to target their funds to combat diseases and afflictions that impact their communities at high levels; and
- WHEREAS,** the statistics reported on behalf of the USET member tribes by the IHS are inaccurate due to filtering errors during transmission of data from tribes to the system of record; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Care Improvement Act authorizes an Epidemiology Center to exist in each of the IHS Areas and the Nashville Area does not have such a center although one is badly needed; and
- WHEREAS,** an Epidemiology Center in the Nashville Area would allow for effective use of health statistics and data to respond to the needs of individual tribal governments, Government Performance and Results Act, and Healthy People 2000 and 2010 requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** an Epidemiology Center in the Nashville Area would serve twenty-four tribal governments and three urban Indian centers located in thirteen states; and
- WHEREAS,** the Epidemiology Center would also have the potential to serve three tribal governments located in the state of New York, as well as any newly recognized tribe in the Nashville Area; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that alternate funding resources be sought to support an Epidemiology Center in the Nashville Area; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the establishment of an Epidemiology Center in the Nashville Area; be it further

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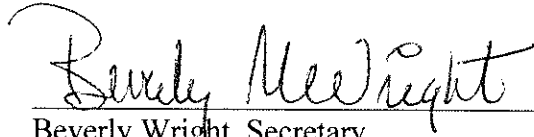
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit a proposal requesting funding for an Epidemiology Center under the grant application kit released for FY2000 by the IHS;

CERTIFICATION

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



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



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