



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:89

MONITOR JOINT EFFORT WITH THE NCAI SUB-COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

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, one in three or 759, American Indian/Alaska Natives report having a disability; and,

WHEREAS, tribes and tribal members with disabilities are interested in improving services, outreach and training but do not have access to disability related technical expertise, equity in funding, or enacted disability Civil Rights laws (i.e.: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended); and

WHEREAS, the following entities have begun to meet and discuss the establishment of a National American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center: U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; National Council on Disability (NCD); Office of Public Liaison - The White House; the Department of Health & Human Services' Department of Education's Office of Special Education (OSE), Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services (OSERS); National Institute on Disability Rehabilitative Research (NIDRR); Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA); Department of Justice; Office of Tribal Justice; Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division; Office of Inter-Governmental Affairs; National Congress of American Indian; Department of Labor and American Indian Rehabilitation Rights Organization of Warriors (AIRROW), therefore be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors will work in a joint effort with representatives of American Indian Rehabilitation Rights Organization of Warriors (AIRROW) and the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Disability Issues for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to effectively address disability issues and strongly recommends the participation of the following entities: Indian Health Service (IHS); Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP); National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC); National Council of Independent Living (NCIL); Administration for Native Americans (ANA); and Administration for Developmental Disabilities (ADD); be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors will address Congress and the Administration in a joint effort with NCAI and AIRROW to support the establishment of the American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center (AIDTAC) through existing agency coordination and collaboration in seeking appropriation; be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors do hereby endorse and will monitor the joint effort with the NCAI Sub-Committee on Disability Issues and AIRROW in the progress of the establishment of a National American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center to serve the needs of all American Indian people with disabilities and their elders.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

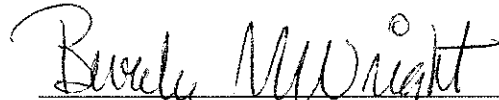
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CERTIFICATION

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.