SUPPORT FOR HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS REQUEST FOR LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) requires a local cooperation agreement between tribes and local municipalities in order for Tribal Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to provide safe and sanitary housing for tribal members within the jurisdiction of the local municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians desire to enter into a Local Cooperation Agreement with the town of Houlton, ME but has not been able to do so due to the refusal of the town of Houlton to sign said agreement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors will aggressively pursue a positive solution on behalf of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and all other tribes negatively impacted by the required Local Cooperation Agreement; be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors will work to amend NAHASDA to provide alternate procedures for tribes when local municipalities refuse to enter into a Local Cooperation Agreement.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY on Thursday, November 2, 2000.

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

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

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