



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2002:009

**FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Congress adopted amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, P.L. 102-575) in 1992, allowing federally recognized Indian tribes to assume responsibility for the preservation of significant historic properties on tribal lands [§101(d) (2)]; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1992 amendments also authorized funding for tribal historic preservation activities, to be included in the annual budget and appropriations for the Secretary of the Interior, through the National Park Service (NPS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) line item for Indian tribes historically has not been sufficiently funded to support tribal participation in the administration and implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the HPF Indian Tribes line item for FY 2002 exhibits a disparity in the disproportionate appropriations when compared to other HPF line items, as well as a significant decrease in funding from the FY 2001 appropriation; and

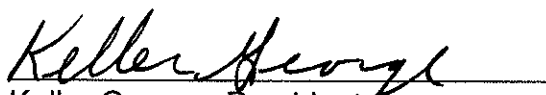
**WHEREAS**, the NPS is entrusted with the administration of the HPF but has not advocated successfully for stable and adequate funding for the tribal line item; therefore, be it


**RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors strongly urges the Secretary of the Interior to advocate for adequate tribal line-item funding, with individual THPO funding set at a minimum of \$275,000 each; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that competitive funding for project-specific grants for all tribes be set at a minimum of \$3,000,000 for FY 2003.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL, on Thursday, October 25, 2001.

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

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

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*