



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2002:024

### **SUPPORT FOR A YOUTH CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

**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 future of Indian Country lies in the hands of our American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth and their physical, spiritual and emotional health is a priority in tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and substance abuse among AI/AN youth is becoming an increasing concern for tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2000 a youth conference was held to begin addressing alcohol and substance abuse in tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a second successful conference was held in August 2001 to continue prevention for alcohol and substance abuse in tribal communities; and

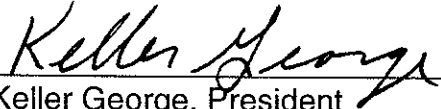
**WHEREAS**, due to the success of the former youth conferences, the USET Health and Social Service Committees recommends that the Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Area Office of Public Health (NAO-OPH) continue efforts to coordinate another youth conference to be held in Fiscal Year 2002; therefore, be it

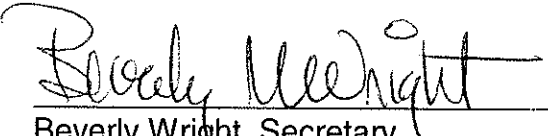
**RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Regional Office to designate Margie Eagleman to represent the BIA Eastern Regional Office on the conference planning committee; and , be it further

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the USET Health Committee and supports a youth conference addressing alcohol and substance abuse.

### **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.