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.

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