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 comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) traditionally has under-funded the Office of Native American Programs; and

WHEREAS, this lack of funding has resulted in a critical housing shortage in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, the need for safe, decent and sanitary housing is growing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, data from the National American Indian Housing Council supports an appropriation of $1.075 billion annually to fill this need; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors demands funding adequate to meet housing needs in Indian Country; be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports an appropriation of $1.075 billion for the Office of Native American Program Indian Block Grant as authorized under NAHASDA.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was presented in Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 31, 2002.

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

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

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