

## United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

## USET Resolution No. 2002: 063

## ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF BUFORD ROLIN TO SERVE ON THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE RESTRUCTURE WORKGROUP

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, the Indian Health Service (IHS) under the direction of Dr. Michael H. Trujillo, Director, has developed and implemented a Restructure Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the established consultation policy, the IHS has created committee/workgroups inclusive of tribal leaders, tribal/tribal organization staff, and IHS staff to develop policies and/or practices for funds distribution and service delivery to tribes and the American Indians/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people they serve; and

WHEREAS, Buford Rolin's commitment to advocacy regarding health concerns of the Al/AN people consistently match those of the USET member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolin has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the USET Board of Directors and USET Health Committee by attending each meeting himself or appointing one or more of his staff to represent him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolin currently serves as the Vice-Chairman for his tribe, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and the USET Health Committee; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors endorses and supports Buford Rolin, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, to serve as the IHS/NAO representative on the IHS Restructure Workgroup; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that a USET organization staff member will attend each workgroup meeting with Mr. Rolin and provide technical assistance.

## CERTIFICATION

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

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary

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