UNIFIED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002: 066

ENDORSEMENT OF THE NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FISCAL YEAR 2004 CORE BUDGET FORMULATION TEAM

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised 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 budget appropriation for the Indian Health Service (IHS) supports tribal programs, services, functions, and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) calls for the IHS to consult with tribes (IHS customers) in the formulation of the budget; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with GPRA requirements the IHS has been directed to form a Core Budget Formulation Team consisting of Tribal Representatives to advocate on behalf of USET member tribes in development of the yearly IHS budget submission; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tommy Thompson, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has set a priority for Budget Performance integration that will continue to directly tie appropriations to health outcomes for each DHHS Operating Division; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors endorses and supports Governor Richard Stevens, Passamaquoddy-Indian Township; Elizabeth Neptune, Passamaquoddy-Indian Township; Meg Parsons, Oneida Indian Nation of New York; Arlene Mack, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; Thomas Hickey, Penobscot Indian Nation; and Brenda Shore Fuller of USET as members of the Nashville Area Office (NAO) of the Indian Health Service (IHS) FY 2004 Core Budget Formulation Team.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"