



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:067

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY

- 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,** funding for Indian Health continues to be appropriated at levels far below what is needed forcing tribes to look at more cost effective alternatives for provision of services; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET organization has successfully operated a Health Information Office program for seven years and a diabetes project for four years on behalf of the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Health Information Office has continued to develop and implement new programs for the benefit of each USET member tribe and has the ability to use funds more effectively and efficiently than the federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** by virtue of it's make-up the USET Board of Directors will have more control over the direction of programs administered by USET: therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Director's authorizes the USET organization to contract for diabetes and nutrition programs, functions, services and activities (PSFAs) on behalf of the USET member tribes pursuant to the USET Health Committee Special Session and continuing discussion during the 2002 USET Impact Week Meeting; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Director's authorizes and instructs the USET Executive Director to conduct a feasibility study to ascertain the effects of contracting the balance of PSFAs currently provided by the Indian Health Service-Nashville Area Office of Public Health and provide the report to the USET Tribal Leaders and USET Health Committee members by May 28, 2002.

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.