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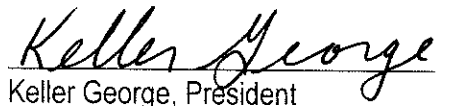
USET Resolution No 2002:087

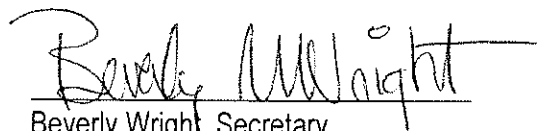
SUPPORT OF HASKELL'S REQUEST FOR FORMULA-BASED FUNDING

- 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 tribe's leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell Indian Nations University (Haskell) is authorized by Congress in partial fulfillment of treaty and trust responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell provides a high quality education for students representing approximately 150 tribes/nations and 35 states each semester; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell's vision is to become a national center for Indian education, research, and cultural programs that increase knowledge and support the educational needs of American Indian/Alaska Native; and,
- WHEREAS,** Haskell is continuing to address the need for increased fiscal resources due to university growth accompanying the transition from a junior college to a four-year university; and
- WHEREAS,** enrollment increases associated with increased residential housing and the addition of baccalaureate degree programs will necessitate additional funding and staffing; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Law 105-337, the "Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Administrative System Act of 1998," has been passed that provides a greater degree of autonomy for Haskell allowing an increased capacity to identify and respond to University needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Haskell-SIPI Formula of May 13, 1999 was developed to determine projected funding needs based on nine factors, and serve as a mechanism for distributing any supplemental funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was to be implemented in 2000.
- WHEREAS,** the FY 2002 appropriation of \$9,050,100 and projected level funding for FY 2003 is \$3.6 million less than the needs-based formula figure of \$12,645,187; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does support Haskell Indian Nations University's request that the Haskell-SIPI Formula be fully implemented as a base for funding from the Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the fiscal year 2004.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, TN, Thursday, June 13, 2002.


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


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

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