

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:089

REQUESTING CONTINUED AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT IMMINENT THREAT PROGRAM

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 Imminent Threat Program of the Indian Housing Block Grant was funded at \$70 million for FY 2002 and is earmarked to address health threats in the home such as those caused by lead paint, radon gas, mold and mildew and other hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, mold and mildew in Indian housing is a national health threat; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Indian housing projects affected were constructed using design criteria imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and HUD minimum property standards; and,

WHEREAS, many of the affected homes will have to be replaced in order to provide safe and sanitary housing as required under federal law; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors hereby recommends that the Imminent Threat Program, at a minimum, maintain funding at FY 2002 levels, to meet needs engendered by health threats in the home, particularly mold and mildew; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors recommends that funding for the Imminent Threat Program be increased at a sufficient amount in each ensuing fiscal year to meet foreseeable health threats encompassed in the program.

CERTIFICATION

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

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary

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