



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:109

NATIVE AMERICAN ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION ACT

- 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 Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act (S 285), sponsored by Senator Campbell, was approved by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) on May 14, 2003 with two changes to the bill as introduced; and
- WHEREAS,** under S 285, tribes may consolidate funds from various federal agencies for "Indian behavioral health care programs" into a single comprehensive demonstration program; and
- WHEREAS,** programs funded using a statutory/administrative formula or competitive grant distribution mechanism can be integrated into the program, although the federal agency must consent to the funds being included in the consolidated program; and
- WHEREAS,** the SCIA amended S 285 to make IHS the coordinating agency, whose responsibilities include the development of a single reporting system, technical assistance to tribes, and scheduling regular meetings with representatives of tribal demonstration projects, and the development of a single system of Federal oversight for the plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the SCIA amended the bill to also reauthorize through 2008 the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends and supports the passage of S 285 entitled, "*Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act*", as amended by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Choctaw, MS, Thursday, June 5, 2003.

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

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

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