SUPPORT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND BIO-TE LEGITIMISM FUNDING TO TRIBAL
GOVERNMENTS

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 USET Health Committee understands the importance of the National Homeland
Security Plan(s); and

WHEREAS, the USET member tribes strongly feel that tribal governments should be fully integrated
and included in the planning, coordination, and funding for the National Homeland
Security Plan(s) including Bio-Terrorism resources; and

WHEREAS, the member tribes support a set-aside of funding to be allocated directly to tribal
governments without having to go through the state to access funding; and

WHEREAS, all of the Homeland Security and Bio-Terrorism funding allocated in fiscal year 2002 was
allocated to states and they were “encouraged” to work with American Indian/Alaska
Native tribes/villages, but the majority did not do so; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments are sovereign nations with a unique historical relationship with the
federal government based upon legislation and a trust responsibility and being forced to
go through states to access Homeland Security and Bio-Terrorism funding is in direct
violation of this unique relationship; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports legislation that authorizes a direct appropriation
for Tribal Homeland Security and Bio-Terrorism funding specifically for tribal governments
to strengthen their infrastructures to protect their lands and members.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was
present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 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"
January 2, 2003

The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell
United States Senate
SR-380 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Campbell:

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 28-31, 2002. During the recent meeting, the USET Board of Directors passed many resolutions addressing various issues. The following resolution is specific to Indian Affairs and has been attached for your records.

- USET 2003:023 - Support for Homeland Security and Bio-terrorism Funding to Tribal Governments

The resolution officially represents the position of each USET Member Tribe and has been provided for your use should related issues arise. Please share copies with your staff, especially those who work directly with the issues addressed in the resolution. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call my office at (615) 872-7900.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Brenda Shore Fuller
Director, Tribal Health Program Support

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January 2, 2003

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
United States Senate
SH-722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1102

Dear Senator Inouye:

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The Honorable Tom Ridge  
Assistant to President for Homeland Security  
Office of Homeland Security  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Ridge:

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 29-31, 2002. During the recent meeting, the USET Board of Directors passed many resolutions addressing various issues. The following resolution is specific to the Office of Homeland Security and has been attached for your records:

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Mr. Michael Tiger  
Area Director  
Indian Health Service/Nashville Area Office  
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214

Dear Mr. Tiger:

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 28-31, 2002. On behalf of USET, I thank you for your participation and the informative presentation you provided.

During the recent meeting, the USET Board of Directors passed many resolutions addressing various issues. The following resolutions are specific to the Indian Health Service/Nashville Area Office and have been attached for your records.

- USET 2003.023 - Support for Homeland Security and Bio-terrorism Funding to Tribal Governments  
- USET 2003.024 - Authorization to change the Health Information Office to Tribal Health Program Support and the Health Information Officer to Director-Tribal Health Program Support  
- USET 2003.025 - Authorization to request the Indian Health Service-Nashville Area Office to delay the posting/hiring of the Diabetes Control Officer until 2003 USET Impact Week  
- USET 2003.026 - Support for using the most recently validated user population figures in Indian Health Service Funding formulas  
- USET 2003.027 - Support for the implementation of the Contract Health Service Funding formula recommended by the National Workgroup

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Sincerely,

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Brenda Shore Fuller  
Director, Tribal Health Program Support

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"Because there is strength in Unity"
Dr. Charles W. Grimm, DDS  
Interim Director  
Indian Health Service  
Reyes Building  
801 Thompson Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20852-1827

Dear Dr. Grimm:

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 28-31, 2002. On behalf of USET, I thank you for your participation and the discussion with the Health Committee.

During the recent meeting, the USET Board of Directors passed many resolutions addressing various issues. The following resolutions are specific to the Indian Health Service and have been attached for your records.

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- USET 2003.026 - Support for using the most recently validated user population figures in Indian Health Service Funding formulas
- USET 2003.027 - Support for the implementation of the Contract Health Service Funding formula recommended by the National Workgroup
- USET 2003.028 - Authorization for the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. to contract additional programs, services, functions, and activities from the Indian Health Service-Nashville Area Office

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Sincerely,

Brenda Shore Fuller  
Director, Tribal Health Program Support

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January 2, 2003

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Thompson:

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 28-31, 2002. On behalf of USET, I thank you for the participation of your staff.

During the recent meeting, the USET Board of Directors passed many resolutions addressing various issues. The following resolution is specific to the Department of Health and Human Services and has been attached for your records.

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