



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2003:023

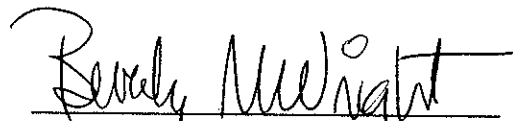
SUPPORT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND BIO-TERRORISM FUNDING TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

- 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.



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January 2, 2003

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

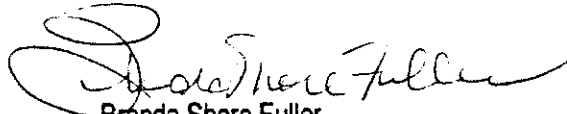
Dear Senator Campbell:

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

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Sincerely,


Brenda Shore Fuller
Director, Tribal Health Program Support

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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:

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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:

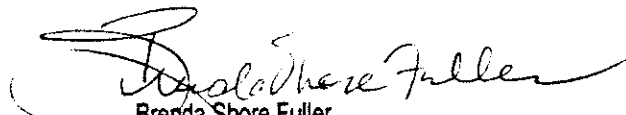
The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), recently held their Annual Meeting and EXPO in Uncasville, CT on October 28-31, 2002. On behalf of USET, I thank you for your participation and the informative presentation you provided.

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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Dr. Charles W. Grimm, DDS
Interim Director
Indian Health Service
Reyes Building
801 Thompson Avenue
Rockville, MD 20852-1627

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.

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- 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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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:

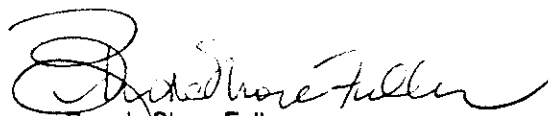
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