



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:030

SUPPORT FOR INCREASED AGENCY INTERACTION IN THE FUNDING AND SERVICING OF INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO INDIAN HOUSING

- 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,** legislation has been drafted to permanently prevent Indian Health Service (IHS) funds from being used for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded homes; and
- WHEREAS,** all HUD funded homes are the responsibility of tribal housing entities; and
- WHEREAS,** the current funding levels of NAHASDA not allow for these additional costs incurred; therefore, be it,
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors oppose legislation that would prevent IHS funding from being used on HUD funded homes.

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.

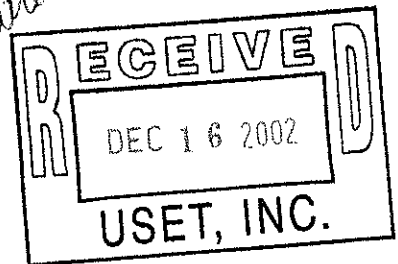


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cc Housing Committee



Mr. James T. Martin
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2002, conveying USET's recently passed resolutions related to housing and economic development issues in Indian Country.

Please be assured that I will share these resolutions with my senior staff. Your organization's thoughtful and timely approach to these issues is very much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you, and from USET, as we work to improve housing and economic conditions in Indian communities. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at (202) 401-7914.

Sincerely,

Rodger J. Boyd
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs