



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:070

SUPPORT OF AMERIND

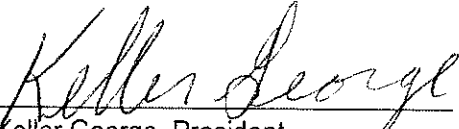
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** USET represents Indian housing authorities or tribally designated housing entities within the geographic boundaries of USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), 25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*, requires recipients to maintain adequate insurance coverage for housing units assisted by federal block grants; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal regulations implementing NAHASDA, 25 CFR 1000.138, permit recipients to satisfy this requirement either through the purchase of insurance or a plan of self-insurance; and
- WHEREAS,** with the support of the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) in 1986 formed an Indian housing risk pool, known as AMERIND Risk Management Corporation (AMERIND), under provisions implementing the United States Housing Act of 1937, but those provisions, for reasons unknown, were not carried over to NAHASDA; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal regulations implementing NAHASDA do not currently address the requirements for a plan of self-insurance, such as an Indian housing risk pool; and
- WHEREAS,** before the enactment of NAHASDA, HUD authorized, approved, and regulated Indian housing risk pools, such as AMERIND, under provisions implementing the United States Housing Act of 1937;
- WHEREAS,** USET, and its membership, comprised of Indian housing authorities or tribally designated housing entities, desire a regulatory provision authorizing, approving, and regulating Indian housing risk pools to protect pool assets and to provide a uniform national rule governing Indian housing risk pools; and
- WHEREAS,** USET finds that it is in the best interest of its member tribes to request HUD promulgate a federal regulation setting forth requirements for Indian housing risk pools; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby supports the efforts of AMERIND to negotiate a uniform national rule or rules authorizing, approving, and regulating Indian housing risk pools; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that USET hereby requests HUD enter into and participate with AMERIND in negotiated rulemaking or other authorized procedure to promulgate a uniform national rule or rules governing Indian housing risk pools.

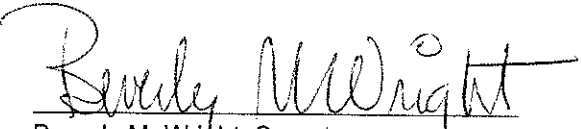
“Because there is strength in Unity”

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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 6, 2003.


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


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