SUPPORT FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF DR. CHARLES W. GRIM AS DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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 Indian Health Service (IHS) is obligated to provide health services to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people in fulfillment of the Federal Governments’ trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles W. Grim has been a commendable advocate for AI/AN people and their healthcare needs for the past twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grim has been appointed Interim Director of IHS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports Dr. Grim as Interim Director of IHS; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests Senate confirmation of Dr. Grim as permanent Director of IHS.

CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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