USET Resolution No. 2003:081

SUPPORT FOR A YOUTH CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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 future of Indian Country lies in the hands of our American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth and their physical, spiritual and emotional health is a priority in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and substance abuse among AI/AN youth is becoming an increasing concern for tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of the former youth conference the USET Health Committee recommends that the Indian Health Service (IHS) Nashville Area Office of Public Health (NAO-OPH) continue efforts to coordinate another youth conference to be held in Fiscal Year 2003; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the USET Health Committee and supports a youth conference addressing alcohol and substance abuse; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors instructs the USET Health Committee to assess the need for this type of conference on annual basis and explore alternatives that will impact more tribal youth.

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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