



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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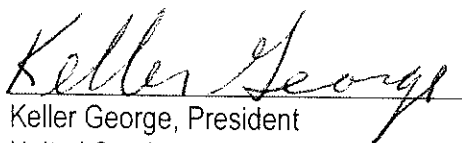
USET Resolution No. 2003:081

### 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.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*