



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:086

THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND INDIAN COUNTRY

- 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 Native American Affairs Office of the Small Business Administration (SBA) has not, in recent years, received the support, resources, and staffing it needs to properly serve Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Thelma Stiffarm, was recently appointed as the Assistant Administrator for the SBA Native American Affairs Office; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Stiffarm met this week with USET's Commercial Law, Legislation, and Economic Development Committee at which time she renewed the commitment of the SBA Native American Affairs Office to provide funding and support for economic development in Indian Country; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors commends the SBA for appointing Ms. Thelma Stiffarm to the position of Assistant Administrator for the SBA Native American Affairs Office and for its renewed commitment to economic development in Indian Country; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that USET encourages each of its member nations to appoint a liaison to work with the SBA Native American Affairs Office for purposes of acquiring information regarding SBA programs and services that can further the cause of economic development in Indian Country.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting at which a quorum was present in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, June 5, 2003.

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

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