RESOLUTION REQUESTING $1 BILLION BE APPROPRIATED FOR NAHASDA FY2004

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 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) provisions are extremely important to the USET member tribes; and

WHEREAS, there is proven unmet need in the current NAHASDA programs; and

WHEREAS, appropriations for NAHASDA has had zero growth for fiscal year 2003, while at the same time there have been increases in annual funding for National Public Housing; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA programs deserve an equitable percentage of funding in order to diminish the enormous amount of need in Indian Country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports legislation for the appropriation of $1 Billion dollars for NAHASDA in FY 2004.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was presented in Choctaw, MS, Thursday, June 5, 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"
Mr. James T. Martin  
Executive Director  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 2003, conveying USET’s most recent resolutions related to Indian housing. I appreciate your keeping me apprised.

Please be assured I will share these resolutions with my senior staff and we will give them our full consideration.

I look forward to our continued working relationship.

Sincerely,

Rodger J. Boyd  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Native American Programs