



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:091

### A REDUCTION IN THE SCOPE OF GRANTS MONITORING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY HUD

- 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 of 1996 (NAHASDA), P.L. 104-330, was passed by the United States Congress to provide low income housing for American Indian families and recognized the right of tribal self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the NAHASDA Block Grant programs places responsibility for administration of programs on the Indian tribes, not with HUD; and USET member tribes believe that HUD's role, as stated in NAHASDA, is to conduct "reviews" of tribal housing program administration, not intensive field audits, which has been the case in the Northwest region over the past 12 months; and
- WHEREAS,** the current scope and breadth of the Grant Monitoring review process being undertaken by Northwest Office of Native American Programs (NWONAP), and likely other ONAP offices in the near future, intrudes upon tribal sovereignty, the right to self-determination, and government-to-government relations; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors urges HUD to re-examine its role under NAHASDA with respect to scope and breadth of grant monitoring activities and revise its procedures to be consistent with the intent of NAHASDA; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors endorses The National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and the Native American Indian Housing Council in demanding that HUD re-examine its role under NAHASDA and revise its procedures to be consistent with the intent of NAHASDA.

### 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.