

## United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

USET Resolution No. 2003:095

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO AMERICAN INDIAN HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

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, Indian Tribes were able to participate in programs that specifically addressed homelessness through public housing prior to Native American Housing And Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA specifically does not include homelessness programs as a continually funded activity, which forces tribes to look elsewhere for assistance; and

WHEREAS, current funding regulations for homelessness programs available through public housing restricts the participation of Indian Tribes, however, homelessness remains a significant problem among all USET tribes; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that public housing programs, addressing homelessness issues, be modified to include the full and equal participation of Indian Tribes.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

Keller George, President

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