



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:098

SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HASKELL BOARD OF REGENTS

- 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,** pursuant to Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell Indian Nations University is authorized by Congress in partial fulfillment of treaty and trust responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Haskell Board of Regents represents the more than 500 federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell's vision is to become a national center for Indian education, research and cultural programs that increase the knowledge and supports the educational needs of American Indian/Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Haskell Board of Regents' purpose is to promote the interests of Haskell Indian Nations University; and
- WHEREAS,** Haskell is continuing to address the need for increased fiscal resources due to university growth accompanying the transition from a junior college to a four-year University; and
- WHEREAS,** enrollment increases associated with increased residential housing and the addition of baccalaureate degree programs will necessitate additional funding and staffing; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Law 105-337, the "Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative System Act of 1998", has been passed that provides a greater degree of autonomy for Haskell allowing an increased capacity to identify and respond to University needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Haskell-SIPI Formula of May 13, 1999 was developed to determine projected funding needs based on nine factors, and serves as a mechanism for distributing a supplemental funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was to be implemented in 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** the FY 2003 appropriation of \$9,141,000 is \$1,492,115 less than the needs-based formula figure of \$10,633,213; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors supports the National Haskell Board of Regents for Haskell Indian Nations University's request for supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,492,115 to be secured by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education Programs for Haskell Indian Nations University to fully implement the Haskell-SIPI Formula in order to fully support the University's vision, goals, and priorities for the Fiscal Year 2004.

"Because there is strength in Unity"

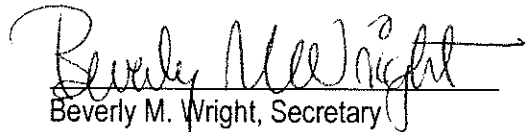
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET 2003 Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present 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.