



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. USET 2004:009

SUPPORT OF THE LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, INC., COLLEGE OF PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE

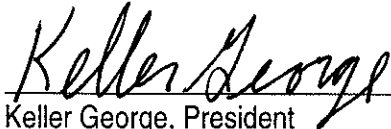
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Education Committee has deemed the spiritual, physical, and social well being of Indian people a high priority; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana suffers with one of the worst health environments in the country, including a high infant mortality rate, a high rate of low birth rate babies, and an incidence of stroke that is 1.3 times that of the rest of the country, outside of the 'stroke belt'; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the best efforts of medical education institutions in Louisiana, the deficit of primary care physicians continues; and
- WHEREAS,** less than one-half of the 1998 graduates of medical education institutions in Louisiana selected a primary care specialty; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana University of Medical Services, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine, is a non-profit organization designed to address the shortage of primary care physicians in small towns, rural areas, and underserved areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the faculty and staff of the College of Primary Care Medicine are committed to a teaching program that addresses the shortage of primary care physicians both in Louisiana and nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the educational experience at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., students will be exposed to a wide variety of primary health care settings; and
- WHEREAS,** through the program at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., the traditional basic medical sciences will be thoroughly presented, and students will be given all the tools necessary to be successful on the United States Medical Licensing Examination; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby affirm and support the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine and its support of minority programs in higher education; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors transmits its support of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana delegation of the United States Congress.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

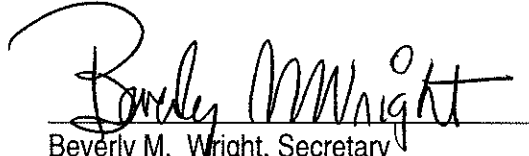
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, October 23, 2003.



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



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