



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:026

REQUEST FOR INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF THE DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM FUNDING

- 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,** drug and alcohol abuse is a significant problem on Indian reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** the funding provided by the Drug Elimination Program was making a positive impact among USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for the Drug Elimination Program was removed from the FY 2002 budgets of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and Public Housing; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Housing was compensated for the loss of this line item with an equal increase under program administration; and
- WHEREAS,** funds lost in connection with the removal of the Drug Elimination Program were not equitably replaced under NAHASDA program administration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that the administration reinstate NAHASDA funding for the Drug Elimination Program either as a separate line item or an equitable increase in program administration funding.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & 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.