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] [Beverly M. Wright]
Keller George, President Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
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