SUPPORT FOR A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG AFFILIATED FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THE IMPROVED SERVICE AND SUPPORT OF INDIAN HOUSING PROGRAMS

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, tribal housing entities must interact with several different federal agencies in order to provide comprehensive service to tribal members; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies such as Indian Health Service (IHS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture often provide monies to tribal housing entities for certain infrastructure and system development activities not covered under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and

WHEREAS, these agencies often maintain conflicting reporting requirements which makes it difficult for tribes to access funding sources; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports a Memorandum of Understanding between affiliated federal agencies who are involved in the funding and servicing of Indian housing infrastructure and system development.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was presented 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.

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