



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:042

OPPOSITION TO THE ANTICIPATED AMENDMENT TO NAHASDA THROUGH THE FY 2005 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

- 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, and the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) in 1996 affirmed the government-to-government relationship between federal government, individual tribes, and Alaskan Native villages; and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA further affirmed the sovereignty of the individual tribes and Alaskan Native villages and their rights to self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA provided for the funding formula developed through the negotiated rulemaking process, to determine the allocation of housing appropriations funds to the tribes and Alaskan Native villages; and
- WHEREAS,** any effort to amend NAHASDA through the appropriations process would circumvent the legislative process and would deny tribal leaders the opportunity for consultation in the process; and
- WHEREAS,** any effort to amend NAHASDA that would affect the funding formula should receive consideration by the appropriate negotiated rulemaking committee holding jurisdiction; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors strongly opposes any effort to amend NAHASDA through the appropriations process and further, strongly recommends that any and all efforts to amend NAHASDA be done through the regular legislative process without any region specific funding set-asides to allow for the opportunity of full tribal participation

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Impact Week, at which a quorum was presented in Arlington, VA, on Thursday February 5, 2004.

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

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