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, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, has FY 2003 unobligated funding available; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Region tribes have a need for additional funds to provide services to their tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Region does not have an established methodology for equitable distribution of these unobligated funds; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors request that the BIA Eastern Regional Office prepare a report detailing the programs that have unobligated balances and prepare methodology options for how these and future unobligated funds should be distributed to the tribes; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests the methodology options be presented for the Boards' approval at the USET 2004 Semi-Annual Meeting.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, 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.

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