



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2005:043

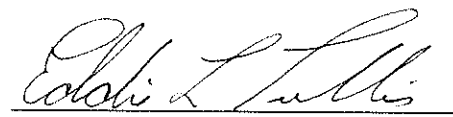
RESTORE FUNDING TO THE INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- 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 of delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has historically and independently provided funding to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal governments through the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program to support community and economic development activities; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of the "Strengthening America's Communities Initiative" as proposed in the President's FY 2006 budget to Congress, the ICDBG Program funding will be transferred to the Department of Commerce, but the authority to conduct ICDBG Program activities will be retained in HUD under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and
- WHEREAS,** the placement of the ICDBG Program within the scope of NAHASDA without appropriate funding will significantly diminish the funding available for NAHASDA activities and will significantly diminish the intent of NAHASDA to solely fund safe and sanitary housing, and may potentially diminish the original intent of ICDBG to fund community and economic development activities; and
- WHEREAS,** HUD has failed to consult with Tribal governments in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 13175 which directs federal agencies to conduct meaningful consultation with AI/AN Tribal governments regarding issues that affect them; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests the President to restore the Indian Community Development Block Grant funding within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development until meaningful government-to-government consultation is concluded.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2005.


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


Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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