



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2005:046

### **SUPPORT FOR S. 672 - INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES AMENDMENTS OF 2005**

- 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,** in 1981 Congress enacted the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Act, which provides entitlement funding for foster care and adoption assistance services for income eligible children placed by the state; and
- WHEREAS,** S. 672, the "Indian and Alaskan Native Foster Care and Adoption Services Amendments of 2005" introduced in the United States Senate on March 17, 2005, amends Title IV-E to provide Tribal governments the option to apply directly to the federal government for these funds, as well as continue the practice of Tribal/State agreements if the Tribes so choose; and
- WHEREAS,** S. 672 also allows Tribes to designate their own service population, use their own foster care standards, apply as part of a Tribal consortia and use a variety of funding sources to help reach match requirements of Title IV-E; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the passage of S. 672, the Indian and Alaskan Native Foster Care and Adoption Services Amendments of 2005 in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress and recognizes the importance of allowing Tribes more direct control of their foster care and adoption services programs.

### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

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

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