USET Resolution No. 2005:047

MAINTAINING CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE AND STAFFING AT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SOUTH AND EASTERN EDUCATIONAL AGENCY IN NASHVILLE

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 USET member Tribes advocated for the BIA South & Eastern Educational Agency (SESA) to be located in Nashville with the rest of the BIA Eastern Region Office in order to provide Tribes with "one stop shopping"; and

WHEREAS, the BIA SESA has 16 schools with a total of 3,494 students, which is the second largest agency in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the BIA SESA must travel to as many as 12 different states in order to offer support to the USET member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the BIA SESA currently has several unfilled positions including the BIA SESA Line Officer and Office Manager that have not been advertised; and

WHEREAS, these BIA SESA positions are key to providing services to the USET member Tribes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors calls on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education to advertise and fill these key positions as quickly as possible; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests that members of the USET Education Committee be allowed to participate in the interview and selection process for these positions.

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.

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