



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2005:059

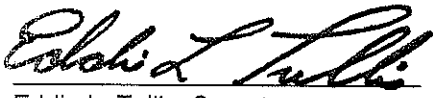
### SUPPORT OF TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RATING TOOL (PART)

- 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 needs and issues affecting the USET member tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the Tribes occupy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the direction of the President instituted a process to assess and rate the return on investment of federal programs; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB reviewed the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs (HUD ONAP) in 2003 using performance measurement criteria developed by OMB which scored HUD ONAP at a level unsatisfactory to OMB; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB did not consult with the Tribes to create performance measurement criteria that would effectively measure the performance of Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) funded by the NAHASDA Block Grants and TDHEs and Tribes funded by Indian Community Development Block Grants as is required by Executive Order 13175; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB did not consider the unique statutory rights of Tribes and the varied conditions facing Tribes throughout Indian Country; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Office of Management and Budget to consult with the Tribes prior to creating performance measure criteria that will accurately reflect the successes of TDHEs and Tribes who are providing exceptional housing services and economic development throughout Indian Country prior to any future PART Review being conducted; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors urges the Office of Management and Budget to recognize the sovereign rights of Tribes and consult with Tribes to create performance measures that reflect the unique geographical and individual needs of each Tribe in Indian Country.

#### 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.