



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:060

SUPPORT TO RESTORE FUNDING THE "INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT" UNDER THE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT"

- 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 needs and issues affecting the USET member Tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the Tribes occupy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) has been historically and independently funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and
- WHEREAS,** the fiscal year 2006 Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) budget now proposes to fund the ICDBG program directly; and
- WHEREAS,** the impact of this action and other broad budget cuts in general has the drastic consequence of reducing the fiscal year 2006 NAHASDA appropriation by approximately \$72.7 million, representing a 15.6% reduction in funding from fiscal year 2005; and
- WHEREAS,** the placement of ICDBG funding within the scope of NAHASDA will significantly diminish the original intent of NAHASDA to solely fund housing activities, and will diminish the original intent of ICDBG to fund economic development activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Presidential Executive Order 13175 directed federal agencies to conduct meaningful consultation with Tribal governments regarding issues that affect them; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has failed to consult with Tribal governments on this matter; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to restore funding for Indian Community Development Block Grant under the Community Development Block Grant and to fund the Indian Community Development Block Grant as a tribal set-aside at 1% of the total Community Development Block Grant and be directed to engage in consultation.

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.

"Because there is strength in Unity"