APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK RECEIVED FROM INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE NASHVILLE AREA OFFICE ACTING DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DENTAL OFFICER, BYRON JASPER, D.D.S.

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, each of the USET member tribes operate a health delivery system for the benefit of their members; and

WHEREAS, each of the USET member Tribes strive to provide quality care to their membership in an effort to elevate the health status of their members; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the USET Tribal Health Program Support (THPS), and the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office (IHS/NAO) to assist Tribes in their goal to elevate the health status of American Indian Alaska Native (AI/AN); and

WHEREAS, Byron Jasper, D.D.S., IHS/NAO Acting Director of Office of Public Health and Dental Officer, consistently provided representation, support, and technical assistance to each of the Nashville Area Tribes on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the representation, support, and technical assistance provided by Dr. Jasper was his personal effort to fulfill the IHS mission, but more importantly his services were provided to assist each Nashville Area Tribe to meet their individual goals of elevating the health status of their respective Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jasper went beyond the call of duty to assist USET member Tribes and the USET THPS; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jasper performed his duties on behalf of IHS and for the benefit of Nashville Area Tribes for 32 years with passion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the USET Health Committee and USET THPS have greatly benefited from the assistance and expertise that Dr. Jasper eagerly shared during his tenure with IHS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors would like to express their deepest appreciation to Dr. Byron Jasper for the outstanding service provided while employed with the Indian Health Service; and, be it further

RESOLVED that while the USET Board of Directors is sorry that Dr. Jasper is retiring from Indian Health Service, the Board wishes him success in his future endeavors.

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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