



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:008

SUPPORT FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS/TRIBAL NATIONAL BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL'S BUDGET COMMITTEE

- 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,** USET members Tribes understand that the next several years are going to be difficult funding years due to costs of recent natural disasters and the continuing war efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes feel that it is vitally important that Tribes work together to protect current Federal funding levels and pursue additional funding based on unmet Tribal needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/Tribal National Budget Advisory Council is a forum where Tribal representatives from across the country come together to discuss the current and future funding situations facing member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** USET supports the efforts of the BIA/Tribal National Budget Advisory Council by appointing two representatives and two alternates to attend and participate in the meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** recently, the BIA/Tribal National Budget Advisory Council established a small budget committee comprised of representatives of the National Budget Advisory Council to work directly with the Acting Assistant Secretary of the BIA on budget issues; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET representative to the National Budget Advisory Council, Brenda Fields, of the Penobscot Nation and the alternate, Tiffany Chevront, USET Bureau Information Officer were selected by members of the National Budget Advisory Council to serve on the budget committee; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the efforts of the Budget Committee to bring national Tribal budget issues to the forefront of budget formulation discussions; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors strongly encourages the Acting Assistant Secretary for the BIA and other top BIA management officials to continue meeting with the budget committee on a regular basis, include them in BIA strategy and long-term planning discussions and to report progress back to the BIA/Tribal National Budget Advisory Council membership.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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

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