SUPPORT OF TRIBAL CONSULTATION IN THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RATING TOOL PROCESS

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 Resolution Number 2005:059 called upon the Office of Management (OMB) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to consult with Tribes; and

WHEREAS, HUD has failed to have consultation in conformity with standard guidelines and policy as required by Presidential Executive Order 13175; and

WHEREAS, the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) was designed by the OMB to help determine the effectiveness of Federal Government programs; and

WHEREAS, Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities are required to submit annual Indian Housing Plans and Annual Performance Reports to HUD which were not accounted for in the recent PART process; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors demands HUD to follow the tribal consultation policy by consulting directly with Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities regarding to participation in the OMB PART process; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors require HUD to provide good reason for not supplying adequate answers to PART and in particular overlooking the Annual Indian Housing Plans and Annual Performance Reports; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors seek legislative action to require that National American Indian Housing Council collect the data for submission to HUD and OMB when participating in the PART process.

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.

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