USET Resolution No. 2006:013

SUPPORT FOR SENATE FUNDING OF NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

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, Congress recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development in Indian Country when they passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) as amended; and

WHEREAS, the need for housing and economic development continues to grow and NAHASDA continues to be funded at diminishing levels; and

WHEREAS, the costs of construction and maintenance of housing units are dramatically increasing due to the results of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2006 the House of Representatives appropriation proposes to cut the funding of NAHASDA by more than $90 million, and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2006 the Senate proposes funding at the fiscal year 2005 level, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports the appropriation level of HR 3058, as proposed by the Senate; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports an appropriation that will include an inflation factor for fiscal year 2006 to help offset the rapidly increasing costs of maintaining the current assisted stock and offsetting the increased costs of construction due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and, be it further

RESOLVED that there be no language contained in HR 3058 changing the Tribal formula funding, and, further be it

RESOLVED that there be no language contained in HR 3058 setting aside funding for what will be known as the Affordable Housing and Economic Development Technical Assistance Board.

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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