



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2006:025


REINSTATEMENT OF THE JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM

- 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 Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM) provides assistance to Indian Tribes and Public Schools to meet the unique academic and culturally related academic needs of American Indian students; and
- WHEREAS,** the JOM is administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through contracts with Tribes, tribal organizations, public school districts and state departments of education; and
- WHEREAS,** JOM funding for said contracts is formula driven based upon the number of American Indian students in all public schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the formula driven student count has artificially been frozen at the 1995 level but the actual student count has increased since 1987 without any increase in funding to meet the needs of eligible American Indian students; and
- WHEREAS,** it appears that the President is contradictory on his efforts on No Child Left Behind, where he would eliminate a total program that affects Indian children; and
- WHEREAS,** the number of newly federally recognized Tribes has increased since 1995 and these tribes have been deprived the right to participate in the JOM due to this policy; and
- WHEREAS,** the President, in his Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Request, has eliminated the Johnson O'Malley Program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests action be taken by Congress to reinstate the Johnson O'Malley Program in the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation at a level that accurately reflects the number of eligible American Indian students.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, January 9, 2006.


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


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