

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:026

REINSTATE FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY 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 Even Start Family Literacy Program provides assistance to Indian Tribes to build literacy and meet the unique culturally related academic needs of their American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) families; and

WHEREAS, the Even Start Family Literacy Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education through contracts with Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations and state departments of education; and

WHEREAS, the Even Start Family Literacy Program provides funding for a number of USET Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the President, in the FY 2007 Budget Request, has not requested adequate funding necessary to carry out the Even Start Family Literacy Program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests action be taken by Congress to reinstate the funding available for the Even Start Family Literacy Program in the 2007 appropriation so that programs and services currently being funded for our Al/AN families will not be interrupted.

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

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