

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:033

SUPPORT OF FUNDING THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGAM

- 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 current Administration's FY 2007 budget request does not include any funding to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) for technical assistance to Tribes who provide low income housing for their members through the Native American Housing Block Grant; and
- WHEREAS, the NAIHC Technical Assistance (TA) and Training programs provide crucial training for the beneficiaries of the Native American Housing Block Grant and the Indian Community Development Block Grant not provided by HUD; and
- WHEREAS, The NAIHC program allows Tribes to effectively implement their housing programs through the provision of organization policies and procedures that have been developed to assist those Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) that could not have otherwise developed these required documents; and
- WHEREAS, NAIHC further provides free TA, training and other supportive services including onsite TA, scholarship subsidies for trainings, and mentoring which allows the Tribes to fund additional housing services for their people; and
- WHEREAS, it has been determined by USET that the funding provided to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for technical assistance does not adequately meet the needs of the Tribes; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors request HUD to reinstate funding to Fiscal Year 2005's level of \$4.6 million; and, be it further
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the \$4.6 million the 2005 funding level be adjusted for inflation; and be it further
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the funding for TA set aside from the NAHBG for HUD/ONAP be allocated to the NAIHC for further TA and training to the Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

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

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary

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