RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the inclusion of the following items in the President’s FY07 BIA Budget Request:
- Overall increase of $18.0 million to fully fund Contract Support Costs
- Increases of $4.5 million for law enforcement activities
- Provision for $2.0 million for Indian Energy Resource Development; and be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors opposes the following budgetary provisions and the administration’s reasoning that these are “poor performing” or “duplicative” programs that should be reduced or eliminated:
- Total elimination of the Johnson O’Malley program in the amount of $16 million
- Reduction of $962,000 to the Endangered Species Program
- Reduction of $1.0 million to the Noxious Weeds Program
- Reduction of $11 million to Welfare Assistance
- Reduction of $2.6 million to Road Maintenance
- Reduction of $1.9 million to Water Management
- Total Elimination of the Community Fire Program in the amount of $1.0 million
- Reduction of the $20 million Indian guaranteed loan program; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors calls on members of the United States Congress to address reductions to these vital Indian programs; and be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors urges the United States Congress to work with Tribes in an effort to restore funding to these programs in the FY2007 Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the efforts of the National Tribal organization as they put forward the appropriate needs-based budget for Indian country.

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USET Resolution 2006:042

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Impact Week, 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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