USET Resolution No. 2006:068

FUNDING TO ENHANCE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DISTRICT 6, CAPABILITIES

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 Tribal Justice Committee recognizes that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), District 6, Office of Law Enforcement Services (OLES) is under staffed and under equipped to adequately assist USET Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, last year Tribes, using their own resources, responded to hurricane damage sustained by various Tribal communities, but received no compensation from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), Office of Homeland Security or any other Federal agency; and

WHEREAS, with additional staff and funding, District 6 OLES could effectively become a single point of contact and act as a liaison with FEMA, Homeland Security, and other federal agencies during any future Tribal response to natural and/or man-made disasters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests the Secretary of Interior seek sufficient funding and authority to enhance the BIA OLES, District 6 capability to serve as a single point of contact/liaison on behalf of USET Tribes when they deal with or seek reimbursement for law enforcement expenditures from FEMA or other federal agencies.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY, on Thursday, June 8, 2006.

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

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

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