



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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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/liason 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.