SUPPORT OF NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS

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 Administration's proposed budget for FY 2006 did not contain any funding for the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC); and

WHEREAS, Congress approved earmark funding for the enacted FY06 budget in the amount of $1 Million; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently working under a Continuing Resolution that requires the use of funding amounts from FY05 enacted budget, not including earmark funds, be used in FY07 Continuing Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Continuing Resolution resulted in no funding for the NAIHC training and technical assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 provides in Section 703 that funding be provided to a national housing association to provide training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, this training was essential for the USET Tribes and all of Indian Country to provide detailed training to allow Tribes to stay in compliance with the National American Indian Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act and to train their staff regarding Housing Regulations, Policies and Procedures; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors calls upon Congress to appropriate no less than $2 Million to be appropriated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for contracts with the National American Indian Housing Council for training and technical assistance to the Tribes, as well as funding for all ensuing years be labeled as a separate appropriation for training and technical assistance.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Brian Paliwoda, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Cheryl Dowling, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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