RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR DR. CHARLES W. GRIM’S DEDICATION AND EFFORTS TO ELEVATE THE HEALTH STATUS OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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, each of the USET member Tribes operates a health care delivery system for the benefit of their members; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of USET Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) to assist Tribes to elevate the health status of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles W. Grim served with compassion, dedication and strong effort, as the IHS Director for four years beginning in July 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grim was a highly decorated Rear Admiral within the Commission Corps and within his home State of Oklahoma which declared June 11, 2003, “Charles W. Grim Day”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grim also served as the Vice-Chair of the Secretary’s Intra-departmental Council on Native American Affairs (ICNAA) where he was instrumental in developing and promoting Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-wide policy to provide quality services for AI/AN people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grim thrived in his role as IHS Director in spite of numerous obstacles including, but not limited to, diminished appropriations, wartime, and unfavorable court rulings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grim was accessible to Tribal Leaders and their communities in complete support of Tribal Consultation and was a tireless advocate for AI/AN people locally, nationally and internationally, many times sacrificing time with his family; and

RESOLVED the USET Board of Director’s express their deepest appreciation to Dr. Charles W. Grim for the outstanding service provided during his tenure as the Indian Health Service Director; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Director’s commends Dr. Grim’s most personal decision to return to his home in Oklahoma and dedicate more time to his family.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

[Signatures]

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

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

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