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, the National Business Center (NBC) has made a recent change in policy that prohibits the payment of salaries and other expenses of Tribal Councils in indirect cost (IDC) pools; and

WHEREAS, NBC, which is established under the Department of Interior ( DOI), did not consult with Tribal Governments regarding this policy change as mandated by Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 106(k) clearly identifies the “expenses of a governing body of a Tribal organization that are attributable to the management of programs” are allowable indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, NBC’s recent policy change threatens Tribal ability to develop and maintain strong and stable governments which directly affects the operational integrity of programs subject to IDC rates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors opposes the National Business Center’s policy change and requests that the Center hold consultation meetings with Tribal Governments prior to any future changes in this policy.

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.

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

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

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