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USET Resolution No. 2009:019

RECOMMENDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 1996 AS AMENDED IN 2008

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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has requested recommendations for the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to collaborate regulations for the amended Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 2008 (NAHASDA) and amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous to have representation of all HUD recipients under NAHASDA including representations from small, medium, and large Tribes on the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors have traditionally made recommendations to HUD for representation on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committees; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors recognizes there are Tribes in the south and the east in HUD's Region I who are recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants and who are not members of USET, but who are eligible to sit on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative the Tribes in HUD's Region I have representation on the Committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors recommends and supports that all member Tribes may submit a primary and alternate name by March 15 to represent Department of Housing and Urban Development's Region I of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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