



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #ABQ-03-081

Title: USET Circuit Rider for EPA Grants and Environmental Programs for USET Member Tribes

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the United Southern Eastern Tribes (USET) has two grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Peer Review and Drinking Water Operator Certification; and

WHEREAS, USET has applied for another EPA grant for a Circuit Rider which will travel to the USET Tribes to assist them in their EPA grant programs, provide summaries of EPA documents and proposed regulations so Tribes for their environmental programs; and

WHEREAS, EPA Region IV has committed to funding this grant position; and

WHEREAS, EPA Regions I, II, and VI are not going to assist in this funding even though they were requested to by USET and EPA Region IV; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Rider will travel to and provide technical assistance to all USET Member Tribes in EPA Regions I, II, IV, and VI.

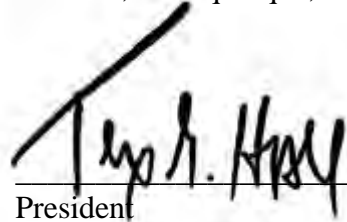
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support this grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI calls for EPA Regions I, II, and VI to assist in future funding proposals for the USET Circuit Rider Grant; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

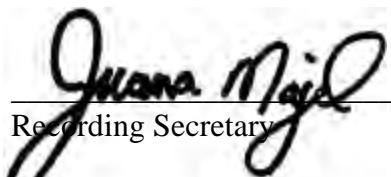
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 60th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 21, 2003 with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during 60th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from November 17-21, 2003.