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USET Resolution No. 2011:003


CALLING UPON FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO CORRECT THE BIAS AGAINST HOLDING CONSULTATIONS IN THE EASTERN REGION

- 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,** in December 2009, President Obama signed a presidential memorandum directing all federal departments and agencies to develop a plan and to engage in meaningful consultation with Indian Tribes to ensure that the interests and concerns of Indian Country are acknowledged and reflected in federal agency actions and policies; and
- WHEREAS,** there has been an expansion of consultation efforts across Indian Country by federal departments and agencies as a result of this memorandum; and
- WHEREAS,** with occasional exceptions, there continues to be a strong bias among federal departments and agencies to locate consultations predominantly outside the USET area/Eastern Region; and
- WHEREAS,** the lack of a sufficient number of consultations located in the Eastern Region compounds the tendency of Federal departments and agencies to overlook the unique concerns and considerations of USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the consistent overlooking of the need to conduct consultations in the East reflects on inequity and disparity of concern on the part of federal departments and agencies; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors commends the Administration's overall effort to increase consultation with Indian Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon federal departments and agencies to address the bias against locating consultation meetings in the Eastern Region and to ensure that the Eastern Region is provided with full, fair and readily accessible consultation opportunities.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.


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


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