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**USET Resolution No. 2011:021**

**NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL OCEAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

- 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,** on July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order (EO) 13547 adopting a National Oceans Policy (Policy) for the stewardships of our oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes, and establishing the National Ocean Council (NOC) to oversee the Policy implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** the NOC is establishing a Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC), comprised of 18 Tribal, state and local representatives, to work jointly with the NOC on inter-jurisdictional ocean policy issues, including development of a dispute resolution process regarding coastal and marine spatial planning, and offering advice on long-term management and research priorities; and
- WHEREAS,** the NOC is now seeking nominations for three at-large Tribal representatives to serve a one or two year term on the GCC; and
- WHEREAS,** participation in the GCC will not replace Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribes as affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent EO (2000); therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors nominates the following individuals to serve on the National Ocean Council Governance Coordinating Committee: Chairman Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah); Steve Crawford, Environmental Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point; and Brian Patterson, USET President, Oneida Indian Nation.

**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.