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USET Resolution No. 2010:023

**SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES SOLICITOR ELENA KAGAN TO THE
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

- 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,** USET recognizes the critical role the United States Supreme Court plays in the continuing development of Federal Indian Law, including both criminal and civil jurisdiction matters; and
- WHEREAS,** it is of great importance for the development of Federal Indian Law that members of the Federal judiciary be familiar with Indian Country issues and with the fundamental principles of Federal Indian law, including the Federal Trust Responsibility, the Sovereign status of Indian Tribes, and the government-to-government relationship between Indian Tribes and the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has reviewed United States Solicitor nominee Elena Kagan's experience with Indian Country issues, including interviewing her former colleagues and reviewing the White House documents made available by the Clinton Library, and has determined that Solicitor Kagan is unusually well-versed in the fundamentals of Federal Indian law and policy; and
- WHEREAS,** several USET Tribal leaders have had the opportunity to work with Solicitor Kagan on various projects and have reported to the USET Board of Directors that she has displayed the highest standards of integrity and intellectual rigor; and
- WHEREAS,** USET believes that Solicitor Kagan possesses the intellect and understanding to competently handle issues arising throughout Indian Country and to dispense justice in a fair, impartial and prudent manner with regard to all the issues that may come before her if confirmed to the United States Supreme Court; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors fully endorses the confirmation of United States Solicitor Elena Kagan to the United States Supreme Court.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mobile, AL, on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

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

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