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USET Resolution No. 2011:026

AMENDING THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES BYLAWS TO INCLUDE THE SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION AS A MEMBER TRIBE

- 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 USET Board of Directors are working for the best interest of their Tribal governments, and their members, to protect, promote, and enhance opportunities for their people; and
- WHEREAS,** Article II. Section 1 of the USET Bylaws provide, "[t]he members of the Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be Federally-recognized Tribes interested in supporting and furthering the purpose of the Corporation"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Shinnecock Indian Nation is a federally-recognized Tribe entitled to a government-to-government relationship with the United States Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS,** the Shinnecock Indian Nation, by Resolution 2011-RES-0004, requested to become a USET member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Shinnecock Indian Nation has agreed to support the interests and further the purpose of the organization; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors does hereby accept the Shinnecock Indian Nation into its membership; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors does hereby amend the USET Bylaws at Article II, Section 2, by deleting the "and" prior to "Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe" and immediately thereafter inserting "and the Shinnecock Indian Nation."

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.