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USET Resolution No. 2011:028

REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION ON THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE AKWESASNE MOHAWKS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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 is working for the best interests of their Tribal Governments, and their members, to protect, promote, and enhance opportunities for their people; and
- WHEREAS,** the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe is a federally recognized Tribal government located in the southern portion of Akwesasne, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been entrusted with the authority granted by the Tribal Membership and Leadership working with the United States Department of the Interior to accept and administer the issuance of Tribal government identification cards to its membership; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal identification cards are recognized by the U.S. Federal Government and is further recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an acceptable border crossing identification card following the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the position of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe that Canada Border Services Agency has discriminated against Tribal members by not recognizing the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal identification cards; and
- WHEREAS,** in recent times the U.S. and Canada have both passed legislation recognizing the rights of Indigenous Nations to determine their own identity and membership of the people they represent; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in requesting the Canadian Human Rights Commission to investigate the prejudicial practices of the Canadian Border Service Agency in its dealings with the St Regis Mohawk of Akwesasne.

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
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