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**USET Resolution No. 2011:063**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO ALLOCATE MORE RESOURCES FROM THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO THE EASTERN REGION**

- 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,** Federal Indian law and policy are areas of great complexity and nuance; and
- WHEREAS,** there are additional complexities associated with the long historical ties between the United States and the USET member Tribes of the Eastern Region, including unique complexities associated with the settlement acts of many of these Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has been informed that very limited resources from the Interior Solicitor's office have been made available to address legal issues in the Eastern Region, with those resources being the equivalent of a small fraction of a full-time employee; and
- WHEREAS,** among many other issues unique to the Eastern Region, the U.S. Department of Interior has agreed to work on evaluating and seeking to address the restrictive settlement acts that apply to many South and Eastern Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and the Solicitor to provide for and allocate substantially more resources from the Solicitor's office to the Eastern Region.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, Thursday, May 19, 2011.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda W. Lintinger".

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