



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2013:006

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

- 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 Tribal Emergency Management Association (iTEMA) is an emerging national association with a mission to promote a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to coordinate and enhance emergency management, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, health and cultural preservation to protect all Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** iTEMA is an advocate and coordinating body for training, incident response, project delivery, and other efforts to support and enhance each discipline that provides emergency management and services; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has a continuing interest in the health, education, and well-being of all American Indian people; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that collaboration among all emergency management disciplines is essential to ensuring the continued protection and safety of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** USET understands that there is an advantage for its member Tribes to participate in training and exercises with other federally recognized Tribes to enhance skills in the areas of emergency management, emergency services and homeland security; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that planning, training exercises, and enhanced communications among other disciplines is paramount for continued success of emergency management and preparedness; and
- WHEREAS,** the participation with iTEMA is in the best interest of USET and its member Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Emergency Services Committee to initiate and sustain participation in the Tribal Emergency Management Association.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, on Friday, October 12, 2012.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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