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USET Resolution No. 2013:018

URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE ESTHER MARTINEZ NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES PRESERVATION ACT

- 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 survival of Native languages is fundamental to the success of Native communities and endurance of traditional Native culture; and
- WHEREAS,** without urgent attention, far too many Native languages risk extinction within the coming decades; and
- WHEREAS,** grants provided under the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act have empowered Tribes to establish immersion and other programs that are successfully revitalizing Native languages and strengthening Native communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the authorization for the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act has expired; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges Congress to reauthorize as soon as possible the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act and to provide funding to the fully authorized amount for this critical program.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

Brian Patterson, President
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