



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2013:027

#### **SUPPORTING CARCIERI FIX LEGISLATION, H.R. 279, SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN TOM COLE**

- 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 U.S. Supreme Court's 2009 decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar* unjustly created two classes of federally recognized Tribes – those that can take land into trust and those that cannot, harming the latter by creating confusion over the status of Tribal lands and jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS,** the decision has spawned numerous frivolous lawsuits challenging land into trust transfers, and otherwise obstructing tribal economic development activities and other projects; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2009, USET has prioritized advocating for Congressional legislation to overturn the *Carcieri* decision; and
- WHEREAS,** Congressman Tom Cole has introduced legislation (H.R. 279) in the 113th Congress which would address USET's concerns by restoring the right of all federally recognized Tribes to ask the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust, without any additional qualifications or restrictions; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors applauds Congressman Cole for his outstanding leadership in seeking a *Carcieri* Fix; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors fully endorses H.R. 279, which overturns the *Carcieri* decision without adding harmful qualifications or additional restrictions on Tribal governments; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors directs USET staff to educate the Congress on the need for immediate passage of H.R. 279 and calls upon individual USET members to advocate for passage of H.R. 279.

### **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  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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