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USET Resolution No. 2013:029

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- 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,** Executive Order 13175 requires agencies to have a process to ensure meaningful and timely consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials; and
- WHEREAS,** President Obama signed the Tribal Consultation Presidential Memorandum on November 5, 2009, directing executive departments and agencies to take certain actions to implement Executive Order 13175; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of State has engaged its Office of the Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs to work with Tribal leaders on discrete policy issues but has not established an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by Tribal officials consistent with the requirements of Executive Order 13175; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) on December 10, 2010; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that all executive agencies that touch upon indigenous affairs should become fully aware of the meaning of the Declaration with respect to their respective spheres of responsibility, and they should ensure that their decisions and consultation procedures are consistent with the Declaration; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that a Tribal/federal commission be established to develop a comprehensive plan for implementing the Declaration; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the U.S. Department of State work with Tribal officials to develop a consultation policy for the Department that is consistent with Executive Order 13175.

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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