



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

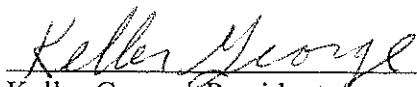
Resolution No. USET 97:60

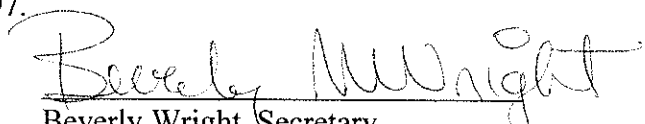
SUPPORT OF THE CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Close Up Foundation (a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization) has been dedicated to providing a unique learning experience for American Indian students for almost twenty-five years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Close Up Foundation's program reaches out to under served constituencies to teach them their rights and responsibilities as citizens in a participatory democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Close Up Program offers high school students direct access to public policy decision makers and the opportunity to interact with their peers from throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS,** the program has proven to enhance knowledge and skills necessary to promote local civic awareness and involvement; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indian students have identified this program as one of the most effective for social and political development and growth; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has demonstrated its commitment to the Close Up Foundation's government studies program in Washington, D.C. for American Indians; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. pledge their support for the Close Up Program and the opportunity it provides for American Indians; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. calls on all its members to take necessary action to support full participation by eligible American Indian students in the Close Up Program; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. call upon its members to encourage ongoing financial support from the tribe for the Close Up Foundation's programs to ensure maximum participation by American Indian students; and be it
- RESOLVED,** that United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. does hereby proclaim its strong support for the Close Up Foundation's program for American Indians, and pledge to encourage all of its members actions necessary to demonstrate this support to ensure participation by American Indian students.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Semi-Annual meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, Louisiana on Wednesday, May 21, 1997.


Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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