



USET Resolution No. 2009:045

**CALL UPON PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO HONOR INDIAN TREATIES
AND RESPECT INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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,** President Obama pledged, during his campaign and since taking office, to honor Indian treaties and respect Indian sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** President Obama further pledged to work with Indian Tribes and Nations on a basis of government to government relations, which is a "relationship of equals"; and, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors call upon President Obama and his administration to undertake the following:
- Hold an annual White House Meeting with Indian Tribes;
 - Issue a new Executive Order on Government-to-Government Relations Between the United States and Indian Tribes, based upon mutual consent and mutual respect as called for by the Constitution and Indian treaties;
 - Send the President's Policy Message to Congress proclaiming the Obama Administration's new Government-to-Government policy that honors the Constitution, reaffirms the United States adherence to Indian treaties, and establishes the firm policy of United States Indian sovereignty;
 - Reaffirm and respect the sovereign authority of Tribal Governments to legislate, regulate, tax and govern activities and persons on Indian reservations and Indian lands;
 - Establish Tribal Government support offices in every cabinet department, staffed by high level Administration appointees, to meet with and assist Indian Tribes and to meet at least quarterly with the cabinet head to ensure the resolution of Tribal Government concerns;
 - Establish a Native American desk at the Office of Management and Budget;
 - Include Indian Tribes through direct funding and set asides in all Federal programs for state and local governments; and
 - Apologize to American Indians/Alaska Natives for the genocide, theft of lands, deprivation of rights, suppression of Tribal traditions, cultures, languages and religions, and the destruction of Traditional Tribal economies.

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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 14, 2009.



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



Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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