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Resolution No. USET 96:40

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ASSURANCES TO
THE AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMAC INDIANS**

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. 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 Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians is a federally recognized tribe located in Presque Isle, ME; and
- WHEREAS,** they are seeking to acquire Department of Defense surplus land located at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, ME; and
- WHEREAS,** such land has been and is designated as a superfund site containing such potentially harmful pollutants as petroleum, asbestos, and organic solvents; and
- WHEREAS,** these pollutants are hazardous materials and toxic substances known to cause significant harm to the environment and adverse health effects to the general population; and
- WHEREAS,** the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians wish to insure the health and well being of present and future generations and ensure a safe, healthy environment for the present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Defense and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies are the federal agencies assessing the remediation and advising whether or not the site is safe for use and whereas the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians does not wish to assume tenancy of unusable lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians wishes to have continuous monitoring of the site for a minimum of 20 years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians wishes to train and certify tribal members in this testing capacity.

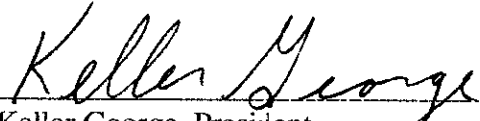
“Because there is strength in Unity”

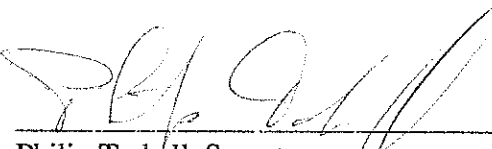
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby urge and demand that the Department of Defense execute a thorough and effective environmental clean-up and assure the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians of their ability to utilize the lands for the benefit of present and future generations, and to include the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians on the cleanup decisions and determination of site suitability for human habitation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Bangor, ME on Friday, June 21, 1996.


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


Philip Tarbell, Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.