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Resolution No. USET 97:12

NAGPRA INVESTIGATION

- 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 Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) review committee has proposed certain amendments to the NAGPRA law which would give non-recognized groups and organizations the same status as federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** These proposals would create a serious and devastating effect on the historic legal concept of Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** USET at the February meeting in Washington, DC resolved to oppose such action; and
- WHEREAS,** The NAGPRA Review Committee has persisted in its stated intent; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors request immediate attention and involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the House Committee on Resources, the House Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs and Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Indian Affairs, in regard to the NAGPRA review committee proposal to extend NAGPRA provisions for federally recognized tribes to non-federally recognized groups, organizations, or so-called state recognized tribes.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

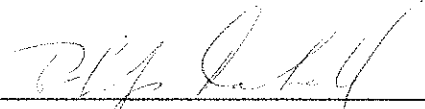
(USET 97:12)

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, October 31, 1996.



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



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