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Resolution No. USET 97:13

**RESPECT FOR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY OF AND LANDS GOVERNED BY
ANCESTOR TRIBES**

- 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 Oneida Indian Nation is located in New York and has governed its reservation in New York since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** Members of the Oneida Indian Nation emigrated to Wisconsin over 150 years ago and established in Wisconsin the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc., which was incorporated under the Indian Reorganization Act and which has its reservation in Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Indian Nation and the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Inc. each are federally recognized Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. recently has asserted that it has the right to exercise sovereignty in New York and to govern lands in New York that have been governed since time immemorial by the Oneida Indian Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc. is committed to support the legitimate exercise of tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal sovereignty must be recognized and respected among Indian tribes as well as by non-Indian governments; and
- WHEREAS,** Numerous Indian tribes now recognized in the United States, particularly East of the Mississippi River, have separately recognized descendant tribes located West of the Mississippi River, each having separate governments; and

“Because there is strength in Unity”

(USET 97:13)

WHEREAS, The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. believes it important to maintain the sovereignty of all tribes wherever situated; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the USET Board of Directors disapproves any effort by a descendant Indian tribe in one state to assert sovereignty and to govern lands where an ancestor tribe is still located, and over which an ancestor tribe asserts to sole sovereignty, including the efforts of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. to assert sovereignty over and to govern lands located within the boundaries of the State of New York; and

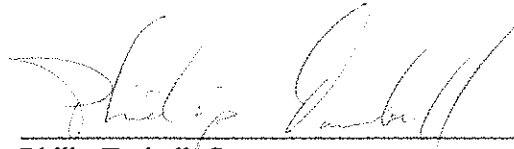
RESOLVED, That the USET Board of Directors further urges the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. to respect the sovereignty of the Oneida Indian Nation, and to cease efforts to assert sovereignty over and to govern lands located within the boundaries of the State of New York.

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.