



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 97:29

TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FUNDING

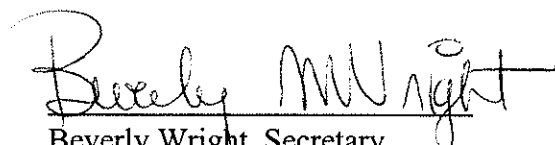
- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribes and Tribal people love America more than any other group of people; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes depend on Tribal Hunters, Trappers, Gatherers, and Fishermen, as well as their professional staff, to be in constant daily contact with the natural condition of reservation and trust lands environment who report the lands are being polluted; and
- WHEREAS,** the legacy to be left to present and future generations cannot be a toxic, polluted America; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has only recently begun to focus on environmental activities in Indian Country after being absent for 25 years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribes have suffered because of pollution of reservation lands by off-reservation industrial and agricultural businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** EPA's Indian Policy is the most in-depth and comprehensive policy of any Federal Agency having responsibility for all of America and the highest degree of fiduciary trust responsibility for all of Indian Country; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors request Congress to appropriate funds in support of environmental Tribal EPA GAP Programs at \$65 million, fulfilling Tribe-EPA Agreements at \$100 million, and EPA's direct implementation of Tribal Programs at \$70 million in order to curtail the environmental erosion of Tribal Trust and Reservation lands.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Washington Impact Week meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC on Wednesday, February 5, 1997.



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



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

“Because there is strength in Unity”