



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 99:05

### JENA BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS FEDERAL RIGHTS PROTECTION

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-three (23) 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,** the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a member tribe of the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians' federal rights are being challenged in the Louisiana State Court System; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians does not have sufficient funds to adequately assert their right to have their legal issues heard in Federal Court and has requested that the Department of Interior and the Department of Justice intervene on their behalf; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians in their request for the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice to expeditiously review their request for assistance; and be it and further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors also requests that, after a thorough review is made of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians request and the request is determined to be warranted, that both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice expeditiously intervene to protect the rights of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 4, 1999.

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

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