



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2000:02

**SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

**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

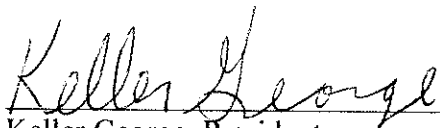
**WHEREAS**, almost 17 years ago, the United Nations (U.N.) Commission on Human Rights began recognizing the need for laws that would protect the indigenous peoples of the world and began working on a declaration with technical comments from indigenous people worldwide; and

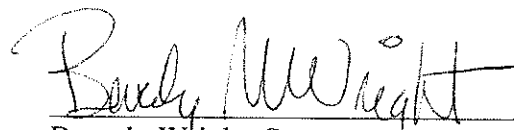
**WHEREAS**, the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Rights has completed a Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and the USET membership is in agreement with the tenets of this draft declaration; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the swift adoption of the U.N. Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY Thursday, October 28, 1999.

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

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