



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

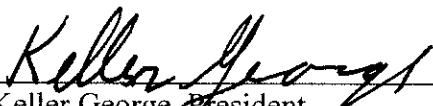
Resolution No. USET 2000:09

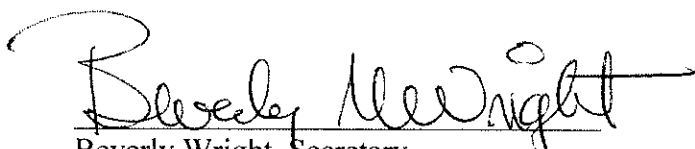
H.R. 2992 - FORCED LABOR AGREEMENTS

- 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 State of California has refused to conclude a gaming compact with certain Indian nations unless such nations agree to allow the unionization of their labor force; and
- WHEREAS**, Congress, when it enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, never intended to force Indian nations to submit to the collective bargaining process as a condition to obtaining a gaming compact; and
- WHEREAS**, Representative Hayworth, in response to the position taken by the State of California, has introduced H.R. 2992, which would prohibit forced labor agreements as a condition to securing a tribal/state compact for Class III gaming on Indian lands; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports H.R. 2992 and all efforts by Representative Hayworth to preserve the sovereignty and integrity of Indian nations; be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors directs the Taxation and Legislation Committee to make these views known among elected officials and to work to ensure the successful passage of this legislation.

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.