



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2000:28

**RECOGNITION OF THE YEAR 2000 AS THE YEAR OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN WOMAN AND THE REMOVAL OF ANY TERMS CONSIDERED DEROGATORY AND OFFENSIVE TO AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN**

**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,** we recognize our existence is based on the strength and well-being of our American Indian Women; and

**WHEREAS,** our culture and heritage acknowledges American Indian Women as the cohesive force that is the foundation of family relationships and community alliances; and

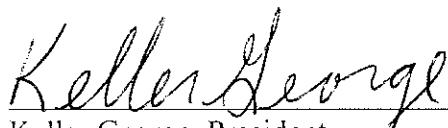
**WHEREAS,** American Indian Women are the givers of life and their well-being including mental, physical, emotional, and spirituality determines the direction of the next seven generations; therefore, be it

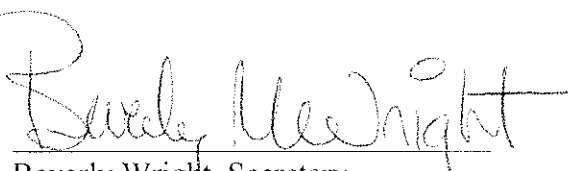
**RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors declares the year 2000 as the Year of the American Indian Woman and we request that all states and the federal government recognize our declarations; be it further

**RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors requests that all state and the federal governments respect our American Indian Women and stop the use of any terms considered demoralizing, dehumanizing, and offensive, which for hundreds of years have been used to subjugate and dismantle the fibers of a healthy American Indian family and society.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington DC, Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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

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

***“Because there is strength in Unity”***

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Wabanaki of Maine Resolution

**Passamaquoddy Tribe  
Houlton Band of Maliseets**

**Penobscot Nation  
Aroostook Band of MicMacs**

**Recognition of the Year 2000  
As the  
Year of the Native Women  
And the  
Removal of the Offensive Term Squaw**

**Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Whereas;** the Wabanaki of Maine are made up of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Maliseet Band, Micmac Band, and the Penobscot Nation, and are federally recognized Native Communities in the State of Maine with a membership population of 7300 people, and

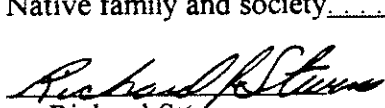
**Whereas;** we recognize our existence is based on strength and well-being of our Native Women, and


**Whereas;** our culture and heritage acknowledges Native Women as the cohesive force that is the foundation of family relationships and community alliances, and

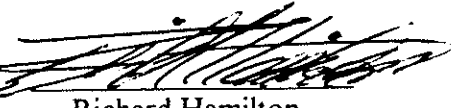
**Whereas;** Native Women are the givers of life and their well-being including mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually determine the direction of the next seven generations, and


**Therefore;** we the Wabanaki Native Governments and communities, declare the Year 2000 as the Year of the Native Women and we request the State of Maine and the Federal government to recognize our declaration, and

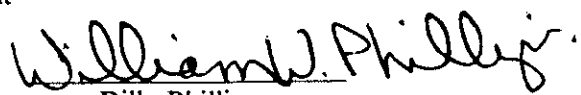
Respect our Native Women and stop the use of demoralizing, dehumanizing terms, which for hundreds of years has been used to subjugate and dismantle the fibers of a healthy Native family and society. APPROVED

  
Richard Stevens  
Tribal Governor  
Passamaquoddy  
Indian Township

  
Rick Doyle  
Tribal Governor  
Passamaquoddy  
Pleasant Point

  
Richard Hamilton  
Chief  
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