



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

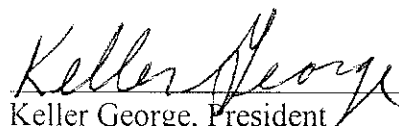
USET Resolution No. 2000:44

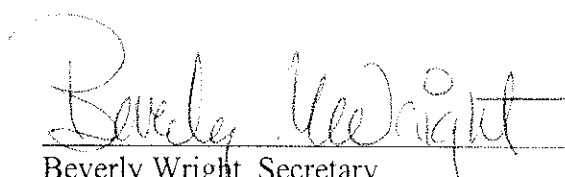
SUPPORT FOR NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE'S 101(d)(5) APPLICATION

- 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 Narragansett Indian Tribe has made application to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in 1998 for 101(d)(5) certification, and is the first American Indian tribe in Indian Country to make such an application; and
- WHEREAS,** the Advisory Council has not moved to approve the Narragansett application for 101(d)(5) certification, but instead has moved to create an "Indian policy" to certify 101(d)(5) eligible Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** such an "Indian policy" is not called for in statute by the National Historic Preservation Act, or by regulation to approve 101(d)(5) eligible Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the lack of certification has caused irreparable damage to traditional cultural properties and sacred sites of the Narragansett and the Tribe's Preservation Program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby supports the Narragansett Indian Tribe's application for 101(d)(5) certification and forthwith directs the ACHP to move to approve said Narragansett application without further delay; be it further
- RESOLVED** that should the ACHP not approve the Narragansett 101(d)(5) application, the USET Board of Directors supports the Narragansetts' bid for Injunctive Relief against the ACHP.

CERTIFICATION

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


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


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