



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 035

NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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 Catawba Indian Nation, a USET member Tribe, is desirous of providing spiritual support to American Indians incarcerated by the State of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 USC 1996) insures that freedom of worship and religious practices shall be afforded to all American Indians; and
- WHEREAS**, it is customary among Indian Tribes that religious leaders may take the form of medicine men or medicine women, and that such people are recognized by their Nations as being the religious leaders for their Tribes or their Nations, and are recognized by USET as being the same; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors acknowledges and supports the determination of the Catawba Indian Nation to provide spiritual and religious support to American Indians incarcerated by the State of South Carolina.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA on Thursday, February 1, 2001.

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

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

“Because there is strength in Unity”