



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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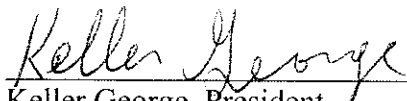
Resolution No. USET 2001:14

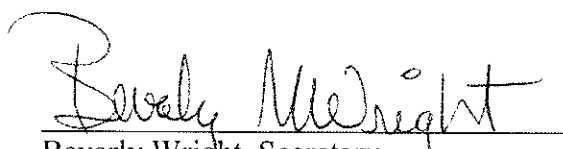
### FEDERAL LABOR POLICIES AND INDIAN COUNTRY

- 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 National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has historically and correctly taken the position that Indian nations are not subject to the National Labor Relations Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the General Counsel of the NLRB has asked that agency to reverse its long standing precedent and unlawfully subject Indian nations to the National Labor Relations Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian nations, as sovereign and independent governments, should not be subjected to the labor and employment statutes of other governments and should be free, like all governments, to decide whether and to what extent they will enter into collective bargaining agreements; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors hereby condemns the efforts of the NLRB General Counsel to unlawfully subject Indian nations to the National Labor Relations Act; be it further
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors directs the Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development Committee to make these views known to the NLRB and to those elected officials who exercise oversight with respect to that federal agency.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY on Thursday, November 2, 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”*