



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 028

**RETENTION OF KATHY GOROSPE AS DIRECTOR OF THE
AMERICAN INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE WITHIN EPA**

- 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) in the Division of Water in 1993 for the purpose of advocating for Indian Programs in all media of EPA; and
- WHEREAS**, the AIEO has been a strong advocate for Indian Tribes within EPA and instrumental in the formation of the Tribal Operations Committee (TOC); and
- WHEREAS**, the TOC serves as an advisory Board to EPA and outlines the environmental needs of Indian Tribes throughout the United States, with the assistance of the AIEO; and
- WHEREAS**, the current director of AIEO, Kathy Gorospe, is a strong advocate for all Indian Tribes and is the major point of contact for Tribal environmental needs, programs, sovereignty issues, and regulations governing Indian Tribes within EPA; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that the Administrator of EPA, Christie Whitman, retain the current Director of AIEO.

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.