



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 032

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN GROUNDBREAKING

- 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 Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) recently held its groundbreaking ceremony; and
- WHEREAS**, the "Piscataway Nation" of Maryland is reported to have represented all northeastern and southeastern Tribes at that event; and
- WHEREAS**, the so-called "Piscataway Nation" is a non-Federally recognized group and not a Tribe as defined by Federal law; and
- WHEREAS**, this action constitutes an egregious insult to the USET member Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Director of the NMAI to confirm or deny the accuracy of this report; and, is called upon to issue a public apology to the USET member Tribes if this report is accurate; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the Director of NMAI; and, is called upon to issue a public statement assuring the USET Tribes that such an affront will not reoccur.

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.