



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:049

ENDORSEMENT OF JAMES T. MARTIN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- 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 Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs is a position within the Department of Interior charged with carrying out the Federal Government's trust responsibility and fostering the government-to-government relationship between the federal government and American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal governments, and
- WHEREAS,** the Bush-Cheney Administration intends to nominate an individual to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs' programs and policies mandated by law and treaty, and
- WHEREAS,** James T. Martin, Executive Director of USET and a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has twenty years experience engaged in Indian affairs, and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Martin has an in-depth understanding of national Indian issues, expertise in policy development and implementation, and the ability to achieve a consensus among the various Indian nations, and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors believes that Mr. Martin has the talent and expertise to meet the challenges of the office of the Assistant Secretary as well as to actualize the objectives of the Administration; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors unequivocally endorses the nomination and appointment of James T. Martin to the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET member tribes will forward letters from their respective governments supporting the nomination and appointment of James T. Martin to the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs within the Department of Interior.

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.