



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2001:056

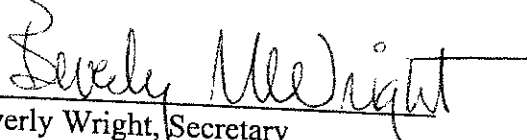
**ESTABLISHMENT OF A USET TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 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**, USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of strong and stable tribal governments, and assisting member Tribes and their governments in dealing with public policy issues; and
- WHEREAS**, transportation issues impact virtually every aspect of a community, such as economic development, education, health care, travel, tourism, planning, land use, and employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS**, the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program is regulated by both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation and undergoes continuous changes due to congressional appropriations, legislation, technical corrections, as well as changes in agency policies and procedures; and
- WHEREAS**, the health, safety and welfare of tribal communities continue to be at risk by the lack of adequate planning, development, construction and maintenance funding of transportation systems for the USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the issue of consultation, cooperation and coordination among tribal, federal, state and local agencies in developing transportation programs and securing funding is a matter of great interest and concern to USET for the advancement of sound, appropriate government-to-government relations at all levels; and
- WHEREAS**, Tribes have the ability to individually determine the level and method of IRR administrative responsibility they wish to assume, based on their own transportation interests and relative needs; and
- WHEREAS**, inefficient communication and the continued lack of administrative and technical assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Region has negatively impacted the development and funding capabilities of the transportation/roads programs for the Tribes within the Eastern Region; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby establishes a Transportation Committee to continually seek innovative ways to improve and strengthen transportation and infrastructure needs of its member Tribes.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 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"*