



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:061

OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN 15 U.S.C. § 6301

- 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**, Indian nations, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 6301, are permitted to regulate boxing matches and other athletic events without interference from, or regulation by, state governments; and
- WHEREAS**, several member tribes of USET, through the technical support of the USET Regional Athletic Association, have successfully formed their own athletic commissions for purposes of sponsoring and regulating athletic events, which generate valuable revenues and important economic development opportunities for the tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the athletic commissions of several USET tribes have been admitted as members to the Association of Boxing Commissioners (ABC); and
- WHEREAS**, some state governments have expressed their intention to attempt to repeal 15 U.S.C. § 6301 in order to deny tribes the right to self-regulate athletic events within their territories and force them to submit to regulations by state athletic commissions; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors is unalterably opposed to any changes to 15 U.S.C. § 6301 which would limit or undermine the ability of tribes to regulate exclusively all athletic events within their reservations and trust lands; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors condemns the efforts of any state government to interfere with the sovereign right of all tribes to regulate their athletic events and all other economic activities within the boundaries of their lands; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby opposes any changes to 15 U.S.C. § 6301 that would impair the ability of tribes to establish their own athletic commissions and regulate athletic events on their lands.

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"