



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:067

TRIBAL DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

- 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**, there is a need to stem the reduction of Tribal rights and privileges, in order to establish diplomatic immunity for Tribal governments and Tribal governmental officials; and
- WHEREAS**, there has been a steady reduction of Tribal rights and Tribal governmental rights and privileges, in the face of increasing emphasis on states' rights and privileges; and
- WHEREAS**, there is the appearance that this is a U.S. governmental move to make Tribal governmental rights and privileges subordinate to the rights and privileges of the several states; and
- WHEREAS**, the Narragansett Indian Tribe's Historic Preservation Office has requested that the Executive Branch of the United States government acknowledge the executive immunity and privilege of Tribal governmental officials and the diplomatic immunity status of Indian Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the request of the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office for acknowledgment and extension of diplomatic immunity to federally recognized Indian Tribes and executive immunity and privilege for Tribal government officials.

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.