



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:068

**U.S. NAVY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH)**

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, the proposed future Phase II testing and cleanup of Unexploded Ordinance (UXOs) and their residuals on Noman's Island (near Martha's Vineyard), MA is an Undertaking as described by the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy must invite the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and their Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) to participate fully in the consultation process through site visits and meaningful dialogue regarding Noman's Island, as is required by statute and regulations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors demands the U.S. Navy to comply with the federal requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and other federal laws, Executive Orders, and Department of Defense regulations on their Undertaking with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to protect religious and cultural resources that are of importance to this Tribe.

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.