



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2002:021

### **TRIBAL ASSOCIATION ON SOLID WASTE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** there exists a major need for solid waste management and emergency response capability in Indian Country; and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Tribal Association on Solid Waste & Emergency Response (TASWER) is to support tribal capacity to develop and implement successful solid waste and emergency response programs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Director of TASWER has demonstrated to the USET Natural Resources Committee his lack of direction, motivation, and positive outlook on the TASWER organization; and

**WHEREAS,** other tribal organizations have voiced their concerns about the dysfunction of the Executive Director as demonstrated through verbal and written correspondence; and

**WHEREAS,** TASWER lacks the management and leadership necessary to fulfill its mission, and has failed to properly represent Indian country; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chairperson of the TASWER Board of Directors has refused regional representatives the opportunity to address, among other issues, management of funds, evaluation of the Executive Director, and delivery of pertinent information necessary for the board to formulate policy; and

**WHEREAS,** appropriate efforts have not been made within the TASWER organization to reconcile and rehabilitate, rendering it ineffective; and

**WHEREAS,** USET was instrumental in the formation of the TASWER organization and continues to support the TASWER mission to serve Indian country; and

**WHEREAS** that these actions will allow TASWER to make progress towards fulfillment of its mission and original purpose to serve solid waste and emergency response needs in all of Indian Country; therefore, be it

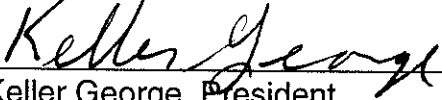
**RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors demands the resignation of the Executive Director of TASWER and request that the Chairperson of the TASWER Board relinquish chairmanship to another TASWER Board representative.

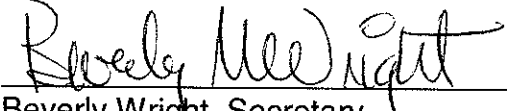
*“Because there is strength in Unity”*

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**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL, on Thursday, October 25, 2001.

  
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Keller George, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

  
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Beverly Wright, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.