



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2002:070

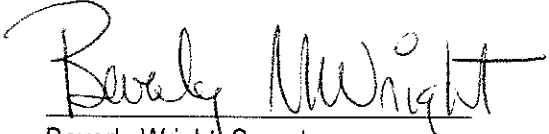
INDIAN GAMING AND THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

- 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the *Wall Street Journal*, on March 1, May 13, and May 30, 2002 published editorials attacking Indian gaming; and
- WHEREAS,** the *Wall Street Journal* editorials contain numerous misrepresentations and factual inaccuracies concerning Indian gaming and the nature and extent of its regulation; and
- WHEREAS,** the March 1, 2002 *Wall Street Journal* engaged in racist stereotyping when it referred to the Governor of New York as "Big Chief Pataki" and "Great White Father"; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Indian Gaming Association, *Indian Country Today*, and other prominent organizations and publications have condemned the *Wall Street Journal* for its racist, inaccurate and patently biased attacks against Indian gaming; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors deplores and condemns the *Wall Street Journal* for its discriminatory treatment and intentionally distorted characterization of Indian gaming; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the *Wall Street Journal* to retract the numerous factual inaccuracies and misrepresentations it has published concerning Indian gaming and that it apologizes for the racist, hackneyed, and offensive language it employed in its March 1, 2002 editorial; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors applauds the National Indian Gaming Association, *Indian Country Today* and all other organizations and publications that have challenged the *Wall Street Journal's* mischaracterization and distortion of Indian gaming and urges them and all other fair-minded parties to continue their efforts to accurately and fairly depict the role of Indian gaming in Indian Country and society at large.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Nashville, TN, Thursday, June 13, 2002.


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


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

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