



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2003:001

**SUPPORT FOR THE JENA BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A CLASS III GAMING FACILITY**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four 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 Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a member tribe in good standing with the USET organization; and
- WHEREAS,** member tribes of USET are bound by common history and common goals for the future and are mutually committed to assisting each other whenever possible through the "Strength In Unity" of the USET Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors recognizes that the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is without a land base and that such a landless state is detrimental to the Tribe's ability to strengthen tribal government and provide services to tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors believes that the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians should be entitled to the same benefits that have been afforded to other federally recognized tribes in Louisiana who successfully operate Class III tribal gaming, which provides much needed revenue for government, healthcare, and other services to tribal members; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors expresses its full and strong support for the efforts of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians to obtain trust lands in the City of Logansport, Desoto Parish, LA, for the purpose of establishing a Class III gaming facility at that location.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

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

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