



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:106

**TRIBE TO GOVERNMENT NATURAL RESOURCES LIAISON**

- 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,** recently the complexity of operating tribal environmental programs has increased dramatically over the past years; and
- WHEREAS,** the rate of change of regulations and the amount of new information for environmental issues continues to grow; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for Tribal governments to keep up with these changes has never been greater; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors make a proposal to the Regional Administrators of Regions 1,2,4, and 6 for the joint (USET & EPA) funding of a one year pilot program, for creation of a Tribal Resources Liaison position ; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Tribal Resources Liaison position would be responsible to the USET Tribes for monitoring changes to Tribal set asides in federal programs, changes in funding formulas, and legislative/regulatory changes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Tribal Resources Liaison would notify Tribes in time to comment or otherwise become involved with the regulatory changes and would prepare summary sheets for easy review by Tribal executives; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Executive Director is authorized to approach EPA within the next 60 days with this proposal.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Choctaw, MS, Thursday, June 5, 2003.

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

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