

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:108

CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION

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 USET Board of Directors at the recommendation of the USET Transportation Committee endorsed USET Resolution 2003:038 in support of the NCAI proposed Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Reauthorization of funds for TEA-21 will have likely been debated and enacted before the full Board of Directors meets again; therefore, be it

that pursuant to USET Resolution 2003:038, and upon review by the USET Transportation Committee of the other proposed transportation legislation currently being introduced into Congress, USET still finds that the NCAI proposed legislation meets the transportation needs of the USET member Tribes and should be forwarded in Congress as a bill with unified support from Indian Country; and, be it further

RESOLVED that in the event that the NCAI proposed legislation does not find a sponsor in either the House and/or Senate the USET Board of Directors would support any other proposed TEA-21 legislation that endorses the same tribally endorsed principles outlined in the NCAI proposed legislation.

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.