



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2003:017

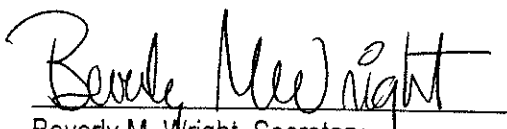
### 2005 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES ENDORSEMENT

- 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,** historically the North American Indigenous Games were established as an international forum in which Indigenous Peoples from across Turtle Island (North America) could celebrate the athletic and cultural talents of their youth; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for such an event was based on the realization that Indigenous athletes have not been provided the same opportunities to participate in domestic or international games, as have their non-Indigenous counterparts, and since its inception, the North American Indigenous Games have grown to be the largest Indigenous multi-sport and cultural event hosted in Canada and in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the North American Indigenous Games are a primary vehicle for youth and a fundamental component of the Indigenous sport movement as it has effected the positive change in the health and well being of Indigenous People; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the success of previous North American Indigenous Games, the USET Board of Directors recognize the achievement and support continued efforts in youth character development through amateur sport, from the grassroots level to the high performance athlete; and
- WHEREAS,** the Buffalo Sports Society has submitted a Preliminary Bid to become the Host Society of the 2005 North American Indigenous Games to be held in Buffalo, New York; and
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the Buffalo Sports Society in their efforts to coordinate at the grassroots level, a national sport development initiative that will be utilized to raise the awareness of the North American Indigenous Games and the ancillary benefits of amateur sport and physical fitness; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors endorses the Buffalo Sports Society in their bid to host the 2005 North American Indigenous Games in Buffalo, New York; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that USET member Tribes forward a letter of endorsement from their respective governments supporting the Buffalo Sports Society in their bid to host the 2005 North American Indigenous Games.

### 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.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*