

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 2003:022

SACRED LANDSCAPE WITHIN COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 tribe's leadership; and

WHEREAS, within the Massachusetts towns of Acton, Carlyle, Concord, Lincoln, Littleton, Stowe, Boxborough, and Westford there exists a sacred landscape which is of particular cultural value to certain USET member tribes; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years before the immigration of the Europeans, the *pau waus* or medicine people of today's New England region used this sacred landscape to sustain the peoples' reliance on Mother Earth and the spirit energies of balance and harmony; and

WHEREAS, the properties which comprise this sacred landscape are threatened by the encroachments of imminent development; and

WHEREAS, the USET Tribes wish to partner with the towns which have stewardship of these properties, in order to create historical preservation plans that will support the permanent protection of this sacred landscape; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors support the efforts of it's member Tribes to partner with the pertinent towns and call upon the towns to join the Tribes in preservation of this unique and irreplaceable Indian resource.

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.