



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

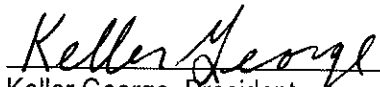
USET Resolution No. 2004:016

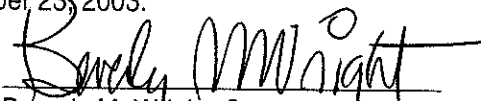
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ADDITION OF EASTERN REGION INVASIVE PLANTS TO DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES LIST

- 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress has passed the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 which was to encourage the federal agencies to work with partners to address Aquatic Nuisance Species issues; and
- WHEREAS,** BIA has maintained a list of nonindigenous invasive species, from which financial support can be obtained for the research, control and management of these listed species by federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** tribal economic development, natural resources and the quality of tribal environments have been negatively impacted by this invasive species; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA is the cognizant federal agency for Tribes, and as such is supposed to represent the Tribes' interests at the Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** there are currently no funding mechanisms to support Tribes' invasive species control program without the species being listed on the Department of Interior Invasive Species list; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs appoint a staff person to work in close coordination with the Department of Interior Invasive Species Advisory Committee to pursue the listing of Lygodium microphyllum (Old World Climbing Fern), Melaleuca quinquenervia (Cajeput), Schinus terebinthifolius (Brazilian pepper), and Styela clava (Tunicate) as a non-native invasive species.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, October 23, 2003.


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


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

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