



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

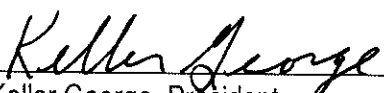
USET Resolution No. 2004:020

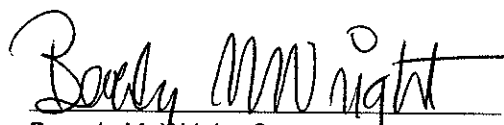
**FORMALIZATION AND CONSULTATION ON THE 57/58 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MANUAL (57/58 BIAM)**

- 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 57/58 BIAM is a document that has been in existence for two (2) decades in **draft** form; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads program insists on utilizing the policies and guidelines within the "draft" 57/58 BIAM; and
- WHEREAS,** the 57/58 BIAM policies and guidelines often restrict the activities and/or place burdens upon tribal nations above and beyond the requirements of the law; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that the BIA take official steps to finalize the document, **through formal tribal consultation.**

CERTIFICATION

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


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


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