



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:025

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DECENTRALIZATION OF TITLE RECORDKEEPING TO
INDIVIDUAL TRIBES FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTERNAL LAND TRANSACTIONS**

- 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,** current title recordkeeping is maintained by the Eastern Region Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Region Office of the BIA has not been able to provide title information to Eastern Region tribes due to a significant and long-standing recordkeeping backlog; and
- WHEREAS,** titles are required to complete the applications for participation in the Section 184 loan program and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Assistance Program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors recommends that present and future title recordkeeping be maintained by individual Eastern Region tribes, with the approval of tribal governments, specifically for the purpose of internal land transactions that do not require trust application; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors also recommends that the current title requirement for the current Section 184 and USDA Rural Development applications be waived.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & 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.