



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:004

SUPPORT FOR THE EASTERN DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF THE GRAY WOLF (*Canus lupus*) TO REMAIN ON THE LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE

- 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 restoration of wolves in our ancestral homelands is critically important to the health and welfare of mother earth and our place in it; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("Service") is proposing to take the gray wolf off the endangered and threatened species list; and
- WHEREAS,** the Service has not consulted with the Northeastern Tribes to discuss the implications of this proposed removal from the list; and
- WHEREAS,** Secretarial Order 3206, the Fish and Wildlife Service's Indian Policy, and two Presidential Executive Orders (13084 and 13175) require consultation with Indian Tribes when federal decisions are made that directly affect Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consult with USET Tribes involving federal decisions that directly affect the Tribes in matters with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service according to their own Indian Policy, Secretarial Order 3206, and Executive Orders 13084 and 13175.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

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

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