



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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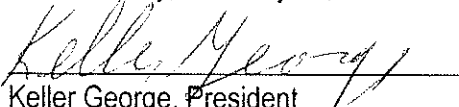
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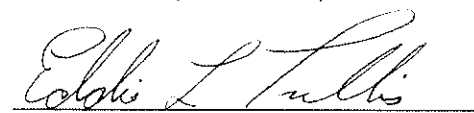
### NANTUCKET LONGHOUSE-DWELLING PROTECTION

- 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 history and culture of Indian Tribal Nations is indistinguishable from our People and our Tribal spirit and spirituality; and,
- WHEREAS,** the archeological evidence of our history, traditions and culture is the ultimate link to our history and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the protection and preservation of our historical, traditional and cultural places is the solemn responsibility of our Tribal Nations; and,
- WHEREAS,** during an intensive archeological survey on the island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, a late seventeenth to eighteenth-century traditional Wampanoag Longhouse-dwelling site was revealed; and,
- WHEREAS,** this traditional Longhouse-dwelling site is one of a kind, and holds immeasurable importance to the Wampanoag People for its historical, traditional and cultural significance; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Longhouse site location is designated for total or partial destruction, for the completion of a final unit of a project for affordable housing; and,
- WHEREAS,** the State Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued and accepted a finding of adverse affect, and is allowing the destruction of all or part of this traditional and culturally significant site; and
- WHEREAS,** the destruction of this Longhouse-dwelling site would cause a profoundly negative effect upon the Wampanoag People, due to the fact that this site is an extraordinary, and unique example of both domestic and institutional features found within the Wampanoag Ancestral Territory and is irreplaceable; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the United States Senators, Representatives and Congressmen for the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, as well as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to work with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Historic Preservation Officer to develop an alternative to the planned destruction of this archeological site, which serves as evidence of the historic traditional and cultural lifestyle of the Wampanoag People.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 10, 2005.

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

  
Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*