



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:032

REQUEST FOR CONGRESS TO RECONSIDER THE AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE REFORM ACT OF 2004

- 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,** it has been recently revealed by legal counsel that the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (ACT) has a detrimental and extreme impact on the USET Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the ACT significantly denigrates the Sovereignty of the USET Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the ACT removes rights of USET Tribes to Self-Governance and Self-Determination; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests additional time to comment on the proposed regulations that implement the ACT, and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs hold a regional consultation meeting with the Eastern Region Tribes; and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that this law be reconsidered by Congress allowing for further input from the USET Tribes regarding how the ACT will affect the USET Tribes; or as an alternative that the ACT be amended to remove the wording that affects the sovereign rights with input from the Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

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

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