



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:044

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL APPLICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR TRIBAL WATER PROGRAM COUNCIL

- 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is requesting applications for the establishment of a national Tribal Water Program Council (TWPC); and
- WHEREAS,** the TWPC will work to raise awareness of water related issues pertaining to the health of tribal communities and the quality of tribal aquatic resources and watersheds and encourage the enhancement, development and implementation of tribal water protection programs; and
- WHEREAS,** USET acknowledges and supports the goals and objectives of the TWPC program, and desires to have the unique water quality related issues of USET represented in a national forum; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) is a national tribal organization that represents over 180 tribes including several USET member Tribes in environmental protection matters; and
- WHEREAS,** NTEC is developing an application to administer the TWPC initiative; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the application of the National Tribal Environmental Council to the USEPA for the development of a Tribal Water Program Council.

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.