



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2006:049

### **SUPPORT FOR UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES' INTERACTION WITH U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL TRIBAL CAUCUS**

- 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Tribal Caucus (NTC) is a forum where tribal representatives from across the country come together to discuss and address tribal environmental concerns, including budget needs and recommendations based on extensive outreach to Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes reside in EPA Regions 1, 2, 4 and 6 and actively participate in the activities of the NTC; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes have developed an Environmental Liaison Position within the USET organization to assist member Tribes in such areas as technical assistance, analysis of pending legislation and proposed regulation, and budget preparation; and
- WHEREAS,** although many environmental concerns and priorities of USET member Tribes mirror those of the NTC, interaction between the USET organization and the NTC is currently limited to the regional level; and
- WHEREAS,** increased interaction between the USET organization and the NTC would enhance representation of Tribes on the national level and would provide assistance and support to USET member representatives who currently serve in official capacity on the NTC; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports greater interaction between the USET organization and the EPA National Tribal Caucus by authorizing USET to provide administrative and analytical support to USET representatives on the National Tribal Caucus.

#### **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.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*