



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2006:051

### SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4863 FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH THE MICCOSUKEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF FLORIDA

- 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 Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (Miccosukee Tribe) is a founding member of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4863 was introduced by the Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4863 states that the Secretary of State, acting on behalf of the Federal Government, shall establish in the Department of State a pilot program with the Miccosukee Tribe for the purpose of exploring the development of more appropriate and effective arrangements for managing relations between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4863 calls for the transfer of authority and responsibility with respect to managing relations between the Miccosukee Tribe and the Federal Government to the Department of State and its Secretary; and
- WHEREAS,** H.R. 4863 also calls for consultation and cooperation, that is, that the Secretary of State may consult with any official of the Federal Government and that such official shall cooperate with the Secretary of State with respect to any aspect of the management of relations between the Federal Government and the Miccosukee Tribe; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby supports H.R. 4863, as introduced; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby requests that all members of the United States Congress support H.R. 4863.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY, on Thursday, June 8, 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”*