



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2006:064

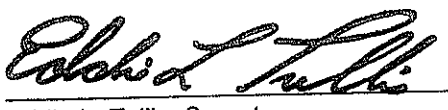
**SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
DISCOUNTED HEATING FUEL TO ADDITIONAL INDIAN TRIBES**

- 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 high cost of home heating often forces low-income Tribal members to choose between buying food for their families or heating their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the high cost of heating Tribal facilities has seriously diminished Tribal resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the leadership of Venezuela and CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO) immediately and affirmatively responded to the question of eligibility for Maine Tribes in the Heating Oil Program; and
- WHEREAS,** in January 2006, CITGO, owned by Venezuela, entered into an agreement with the Penobscot Indian Nation establishing a demonstration project to purchase discounted fuel for low-income Tribal members and Tribal facilities on behalf of the five Tribal communities in Maine; and
- WHEREAS,** CITGO has also entered into a similar agreement with non-American Indian residents of New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Delaware and Maine; and
- WHEREAS,** in a meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, on April 24, 2006, President Hugo Chavez informed American beneficiaries, including a delegation of Tribal members from Maine, that the program would continue next year and expand to include a self-sufficiency component; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors commends President Chavez and CITGO Petroleum Corporation for making this opportunity available to the Maine Tribes in 2006; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors most assuredly appreciates and is grateful to President Chavez and CITGO Petroleum Corporation for the expansion of the discounted fuel program to Tribal communities afflicted with high heating costs throughout Indian Country.

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”