



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:017

THE IROQUOIS NATIONS AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK

- WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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, several USET members—the Cayuga Nation, Seneca Nation of Indians, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and Oneida Indian Nation—are members of the Iroquois Confederacy and are situated within the boundaries of the State of New York; and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of New York recently elected the Honorable Elliot Spitzer to the Office of the Governor; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Spitzer has announced his plans to address certain issues concerning the Iroquois Nations, such as the taxation of automotive fuels and tobacco products; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors hereby congratulates Governor Spitzer on his election to the Office of Governor of the Great State of New York; and be it further
- RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors urge Mr. Spitzer, as he seeks to resolve tax and other issues with the Iroquois Nations within New York, to respect the sovereignty of those nations, to commit to work with the Iroquois Nations on a government-to-government basis, and to pursue bilateral negotiated solutions with each nation with respect to any disagreements that may arise during his administration.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week meeting at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Cheryl Downing, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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