USET Resolution No. 2007:020

WABANAKI TRIBAL COLLEGE INITIATIVE

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, USET supports the concept of a Tribal community college to provide American Indian students an opportunity to learn in an environment that recognizes and respects Tribal cultures, traditions, languages, history and learning styles; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal leadership of the Wabanaki: Houlton Band of Maliseet, Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribes and Penobscot Indian Nation have met and discussed the need to have a multi-Tribal community college in the Northeast region within close proximity to their potential college students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Maine system and the Maine Community College systems are the principle public institutions of higher education available to Wabanaki students; and

WHEREAS the Wabanaki leadership have approached the Maine public education institutions to explore the possibility of partnering to create a Wabanaki Multi-Tribal Community College; and

WHEREAS USET recognizes the value to these Tribes and their potential students in establishing a multi-Tribal college within the borders of Maine; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the Wabanaki Tribal Leadership in their pursuit of a multi-Tribal community college located in the State of Maine.

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 Dowing, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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