



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:026

RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE
INTERIM TRIBAL WATER PROGRAM COUNCIL

- 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is establishing a national Tribal Water Program Council (TWPC) to raise awareness of water related issues pertaining to the health of Tribal communities and quality of Tribal aquatic resources and watersheds, also to encourage the enhancement, development and implementation of Tribal water protection programs; and
- WHEREAS,** in USET Resolution No. 2006:044, USET acknowledged support of the goals and objectives of the TWPC and expressed the desire for the unique water related issues of USET to be represented in a national forum; and
- WHEREAS,** Dan Kusnierz, Penobscot Indian Nation, and Mike Bolt, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, have been appointed to serve on the interim TWPC; and
- WHEREAS,** the Natural Resources Committee recognizes and supports the appointment of these individuals to serve on the TWPC and to represent the unique water concerns of USET member Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recognizes and supports the appointment of the individuals to serve on the interim TWPC; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors continues to support the goals and objectives of the TWPC and encourages the continued recognition of USET water concerns in a national forum; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors reminds the United States Environmental Protection Agency that the Tribal Water Program Council is not a substitute for government-to-government consultation in regard to water related concerns of individual Tribes.

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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