



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:034

SUPPORT OF CATAWBA INDIAN NATION'S TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS  
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 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 Catawba Indian Nation has been notified by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) of possible future changes to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act's (NAGPRA) repatriation policy on human remains that may require proof of descendancy for repatriation purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** human remains and all associated and unassociated funerary objects from the 1950's and 1960's are still being held in numerous institutions in South Carolina, a fact that is unacceptable; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous non-eligible Tribes, entities and groups in South Carolina have repeatedly tried to circumvent the law in order to repatriate these remains; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Catawba Indian Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Office in their efforts to take the lead role towards beginning repatriation of human remains that are presently being housed in various entities in the State of South Carolina in order to properly rebury these remains.

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 Dowling, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*