



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:038

SUPPORT TO CHANGE THE CURRENT STATUS OF WARDEN SERVICES WITHIN  
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIR POLICIES

- 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 Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Indian Nation are USET member Tribes in good standing; and
- WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Indian Nation have established 638 contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Law Enforcement Services in order to provide policing services to their people; and
- WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Nation Tribal lands cover a great expanse where the Tribal Warden Services must assist in land safety and security; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA currently does not recognize Tribal Warden Services as 638 contractible Law Enforcement programs with the possibility of program funding; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Indian Nation in their efforts to change the current status of Warden Services within the BIA policies; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs to work with these Tribes in a good faith effort to accept this change to BIA policy and allow Warden Services programs to be eligible as Law Enforcement entities for future funding cycles.

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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