



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

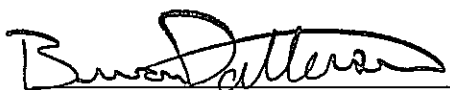
USET Resolution No. 2008:004

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TRIBAL DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

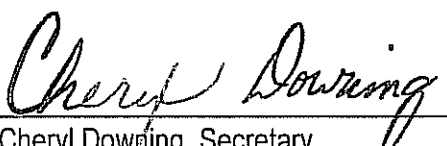
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Tribal Governments are charged with identifying the state of the environment in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal data is the best source of information to accurately portray the environment in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the EPA increasingly utilizes Tribal data not only for determining the state of the environment, but also for other considerations such as identifying areas of need, measuring program performance, and overall budget allocation; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal data is often housed in data systems operated by a number of Federal Agencies other than the EPA; and
- WHEREAS,** the EPA has been working with other Federal Agencies, Tribal Governments and Tribal organizations to develop and adapt data management systems as a mechanism to characterize the Tribal environment and to positively impact the EPA needs analysis, performance and budget processes; and
- WHEREAS,** the EPA data systems as a whole continue to be only partially suited to meeting Tribal needs for data management and availability, and are thus not suited to accurately characterize environmental priorities in Indian Country; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly encourages the EPA to work in partnership with other Federal Agencies, Tribal Governments and Tribal organizations to complete the development and adaptation of systems necessary to properly characterize environmental priorities in Indian Country.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, October 18, 2007.



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



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

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