



# UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2009:005

## SUPPORT OF PENOBSCOT NATION BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

- 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 Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club (PNBGC) has been serving 200 youth between the ages of 5-18 since 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** the PNBGC has been in the forefront of youth development working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances; and
- WHEREAS,** the PNBGC offers year round after-school and vacation activity programs designed with a culturally specific adaptation of the social development model, directly addressing critical community risk factors for delinquency by providing Tribal youth with opportunities to develop skills needed for successful involvement in age-specific activities and social interaction with other youth, Tribal elders and positive role models throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS,** PNBGC programs are designed to reduce the potentially adverse impact American Indian/Alaska Native youth face growing up and going to some schools in a non-Indian culture by strengthening their cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** PNBGC programs explicitly promote positive youth development among the critical areas of cultural, social, emotional, intellectual and physical dimensions simultaneously; and
- WHEREAS,** a non-Tribal Boys and Girls Club entity administers the PNBGC and subsequently collects 20% of pass through funding directed to the PNBGC, thus creating a disproportionate burden on PNBGC resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the non-Tribal Boys and Girls Club entity that administers the PNBGC documents the affiliation with hundreds of Tribal youth from the PNBGC and other Wabanaki Tribes, but doesn't effectively re-distribute it's allocation of millions of dollars to the PNBGC or other Wabanaki Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the PNBGC has established a 501(c)3 to become 100% self-sufficient and in the near future be in a position to act as the entity that can more fairly and effectively administer other Tribal Boys and Girls Clubs within the Wabanaki Alliance and the Northeast; and
- WHEREAS,** the PNBGC has started a \$6 million endowment fund campaign to ensure the sustainability of its successful youth programs and form a sustainable financial model that other American Indian/Alaska Native Clubs could benefit from; and
- WHEREAS,** individual members of USET support the mission of the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club with monetary contributions or other resources, in an advisory manner, or by providing any other means at their disposal that will bolster the ability of the PNBGC to complete their \$6 million endowment campaign; and

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

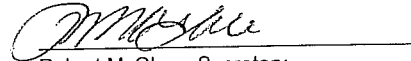
- WHEREAS,** an endowment for the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club can:
- provide consistent financial support for the programs that make the Club successful
  - make the programs permanent and not entirely dependent on funds acquired through traditional development and fundraising efforts
  - provide income for the on-going maintenance of the Club's physical plant
  - motivate generosity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club PNBGC will not be able to meet their \$6 million endowment goal with only limited support within the state of Maine; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the mission of the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club and pledges to advocate for the successful completion of the \$6 million endowment campaign.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Board of Directors on Thursday, October 16, 2008.



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



Robert McGhee, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.