



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


Resolution No. USET 2003:022

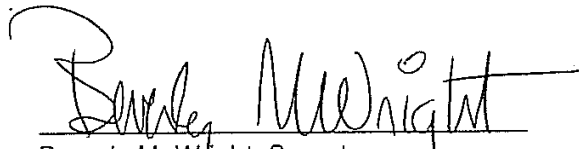
SACRED LANDSCAPE WITHIN COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

- 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 represents the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes's leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** within the Massachusetts towns of Acton, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Littleton, Stow, Boxborough, and Westford there exists a sacred landscape which is of particular cultural value to certain USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** for thousands of years before the immigration of the Europeans, the *pau waus* or medicine people of today's New England region used this sacred landscape to sustain the peoples' reliance on Mother Earth and the spirit energies of balance and harmony; and
- WHEREAS,** the properties which comprise this sacred landscape are threatened by the encroachments of imminent development; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribes wish to partner with the towns which have stewardship of these properties, in order to create historical preservation plans that will support the permanent protection of this sacred landscape; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors support the efforts of it's member Tribes to partner with the pertinent towns and call upon the towns to join the Tribes in preservation of this unique and irreplaceable Indian resource.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.


Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.