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**USET Resolution No. 2011:013**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS/ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN VETERANS  
IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

- 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 USET Veterans Committee was formed by Resolution No. 2009:018 on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the USET Impact Week Meeting in Arlington, VA; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiians serve at the highest per capita rate in the Armed Forces compared to any other group of Americans, and have served with valor in all the Nation's wars from the Revolutionary War through the present; and
- WHEREAS,** national recognition of the contributions of AI/AN and Native Hawaiian veterans to the United States will engender self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in American Indians regarding the significant role their ancestors and heritage have played in the continuation of the freest country in the world, the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the service of AI/AN and Native Hawaiian veterans shall be honored by a memorial that depicts American Indians veterans on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports legislation that establishes a memorial for American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary  
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