USET Resolution No. 2011:015

PROTECTION OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MOUNDS, STATE FILE NUMBER 16EBR06

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 mounds on the Louisiana State University (LSU) campus state file number 16EBR06, are currently unprotected and human traffic upon these mounds has created erosion concerns that threaten the integrity of these sites which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, recent efforts by LSU Geography and Anthropology Department Research Facility to protect these mounds have proven to be inadequate; and

WHEREAS, USET has identified protection and preservation of ceremonial landscapes and other sacred sites as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the LSU mounds are a sacred site deserving of protection and respect; therefore be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Chancellor of Louisiana State University, in accordance to the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, to implement and enforce protective measures for the Louisiana State University Mounds for the purpose of both respecting this sacred landscape and providing permanent protection for these valuable cultural resources.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.