NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL OCEAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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, on July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order (EO) 13547 adopting a National Oceans Policy (Policy) for the stewardships of our oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes, and establishing the National Ocean Council (NOC) to oversee the Policy implementation; and

WHEREAS, the NOC is establishing a Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC), comprised of 18 Tribal, state and local representatives, to work jointly with the NOC on inter-jurisdictional ocean policy issues, including development of a dispute resolution process regarding coastal and marine spatial planning, and offering advice on long-term management and research priorities; and

WHEREAS, the NOC is now seeking nominations for three at-large Tribal representatives to serve a one or two year term on the GCC; and

WHEREAS, participation in the GCC will not replace Tribal Consultation with Indian Tribes as affirmed through Presidential Memoranda (1994, 2004 & 2009) and a subsequent EO (2000); therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors nominates the following individuals to serve on the National Ocean Council Governance Coordinating Committee: Chairman Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah); Steve Crawford, Environmental Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point; and Brian Patterson, USET President, Oneida Indian Nation.

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.