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USET Resolution No. 2010:003

SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL LANGUAGE EDUCATORS

- 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 history and culture of Indian Tribes is indistinguishable from our members, spirit and spirituality; and
- WHEREAS,** protection and preservation of our native languages, and our historical, traditional and cultural places is the solemn responsibility of our Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that Indian Tribes support, embrace and promote their native language within their respective communities; and
- WHEREAS,** traditionally, public Language Educators receive their teaching certificates from various colleges and universities for the English language; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Language Educators should be held to the same standards; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports and encourages its member Tribes to pursue a mandate to have Tribal Language Educators certified in their native languages; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon the United State Congress and the Department of Interior to endorse and implement an initiative to develop protocols and/or a certification program for Tribal Language Educators.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
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