



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2012:021

#### UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND 2014 FUNDING PRIORITIES

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) 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,** adequate funding for Tribal cultural resource programs is essential to the spiritual, health, social, and economic well-being of the Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Culture & Heritage Committee has identified the following funding priorities in support of Tribal historic preservation programs:
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
  - Tribal Historic Preservation Office Program
  - Tribal Cultural Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through various treaties and executive orders; and
- WHEREAS,** this special relationship must be considered when analyzing budget priorities in adherence to the President's sound fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** any reduction in Tribal Historic Preservation would equate to a drastic reduction to already severely underfunded program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls for the exemption of all Indian programs from any mandatory budget reduction imposed for Fiscal Year 2013 and beyond; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests the United States Congress to support the identified funding priorities for Tribal historic preservation programs.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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