



United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike • Suite 100 • Nashville, TN 37214
(P): 615-872-7900 • (F): 615-872-7417

USET Resolution No. 2011:031

**SUPPORT OF THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT**

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, the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) has been collaborating with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), to support the goal to recognize and fund Tribal Education Departments through the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, legislative authority for Tribal Education Departments exists in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) through both the U.S Department of Education and U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; however, federal funding has not been established; and

WHEREAS, the USET Education Committee supported the appropriation of Tribal Education Department authorization in Resolution No. 2010-013 and supports the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors urges the United States Department of Education to consult with Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization and any other related policy initiatives to support the unique and culturally related needs of American Indians students from early childhood to life-long learning.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

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

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.