INCLUSION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES IN TRIBAL INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL 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, the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) has the opportunity to provide the views of the Eastern Region Tribes “Addressing Tribal priority needs to the Department of Interior and Office of Management and Budget (OMB); and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Tribal Budget Priorities document includes Public Safety, Education, Economic Development and Natural Resources as funding priorities and needs; and

WHEREAS, this list excludes Tribal cultural resource identification, preservation and protection, a concern of great significance to USET member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2010, the USET Board of Directors supported USET Resolution No. 2010:015, Inclusion of Culture Resources in Tribal Funding Priorities; thus supported "the inclusion of cultural resources preservation and protection in the Tribal Budget Advisory Council FY 2012 Tribal Budget Priorities for consideration as one of the Tribal priority needs"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests the inclusion of Tribal cultural resources, identification, preservation and protection for future consideration as one of the Tribal Interior Budget Council priority needs.

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.