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**USET Resolution No. 2011:035**

**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE  
FISCAL YEAR 2012 FUNDING PRIORITIES**

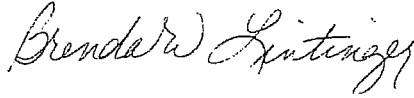
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors 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 wellbeing of Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Culture & Heritage Committee has identified the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funding priorities in support of Tribal historic preservation programs:
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
  - Tribal Historic Preservation Office Program
  - Adequately fund all federal agencies so that they can fulfill their obligations under all historic preservation statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a special trust responsibility to Indian Tribes that is confirmed through numerous laws, regulations, court rulings, 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,** the number of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers has increased substantially while the amount of funding has not increased proportionately; and
- WHEREAS,** a proposed reduction to FY 2008 levels, with inflation considered, would equate to a drastic reduction to already severely underfunded Indian programs; 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 2012 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 and federal agency historic preservation programs.

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.

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