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USET Resolution No. 2013:009

OPPOSITION TO THE RELOCATION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION EASTERN REGION OFFICE

- 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,** USET was the primary force in establishing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Region Office in order to ensure equal access to educational support services for South and Eastern State Agency (SESA) Tribes as a critical strategy to better meet the academic needs of SESA students; and
- WHEREAS,** the data indicates that Native students in the BIA Eastern Region area are far below the national average in academic achievement; and
- WHEREAS,** the consolidation of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to a location outside of the BIA/BIE Eastern Region would further restrict equal access and not meet the academic needs of SESA students; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors opposes the relocation of the Bureau of Indian Education Eastern Region Office as part of the Bureau of Indian Education streamlining plan; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors advocate for the Bureau of Indian Education and South and Eastern State Agency positions to remain in Nashville with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Office.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Uncasville, CT, on Friday, October 12, 2012.

Brian Patterson, President
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