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 Emergency Management Association (iTEMA) is an emerging national association with a mission to promote a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to coordinate and enhance emergency management, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, health and cultural preservation to protect all Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, iTEMA is an advocate and coordinating body for training, incident response, project delivery, and other efforts to support and enhance each discipline that provides emergency management and services; and

WHEREAS, USET has a continuing interest in the health, education, and well-being of all American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, USET recognizes that collaboration among all emergency management disciplines is essential to ensuring the continued protection and safety of Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, USET understands that there is an advantage for its member Tribes to participate in training and exercises with other federally recognized Tribes to enhance skills in the areas of emergency management, emergency services and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, USET recognizes that planning, training exercises, and enhanced communications among other disciplines is paramount for continued success of emergency management and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the participation with iTEMA is in the best interest of USET and its member Tribes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Emergency Services Committee to initiate and sustain participation in the Tribal Emergency Management Association.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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