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 Poverty Point State Historic Site is an archaeological site preserved and maintained by the Louisiana Office of State Parks and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology; and

WHEREAS, Poverty Point is currently listed as a National Historic Landmark and as a National Monument; and

WHEREAS, Poverty Point was constructed and occupied approximately 3,500 years ago, with a monumental architecture in the form of five earthen mounds, six earthen concentric ridges and a 35 acre interior plaza; and

WHEREAS, Poverty Point was the center of an extensive exchange network that obtained more than 70 tons of stone from up to 1,000 miles away, and represents a complex society based on a hunting, fishing and gathering economy; and

WHEREAS, Poverty Point represents a unique archaeological site that has significantly shaped our understanding of Native American cultural development and heritage in North America; and

WHEREAS, the World Heritage List recognizes those sites that are of outstanding universal value and represent a unique and exceptional testimony to a past cultural tradition and civilization; and

WHEREAS, Poverty Point is being nominated as a World Heritage Site in recognition of its significant characteristics and Native American cultural achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of State Parks and Louisiana Division of Archaeology have consulted with the federally recognized Indian Tribes in Louisiana concerning the development of this nomination; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of State Parks and Louisiana Division of Archaeology conferred with the United South and Eastern Tribes’ Culture and Heritage Committee concerning the development of this nomination; therefore, be it
RESOLVED  the USET Board of Directors supports the nomination of the Poverty Point State Historic Site as a World Heritage Site.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

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Brian Patterson, President  Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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