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USET Resolution No. 2012:026

SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE POVERTY POINT STATE HISTORIC SITE AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

- 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.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”