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 is a 501(c)(3) organization governed by its Board, in accordance with the USET Articles of Incorporation and the USET Bylaws;

WHEREAS, it is important to the operation and integrity of USET that the organization adhere to its Articles of Incorporation and it’s Bylaws;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 7 of the USET Bylaws specifically provides that the “Bylaws of the Board of Directors shall govern all business conducted by committees”;

WHEREAS, USET has adopted Standard Operating Procedures that also govern Committee conduct, but those procedures must be in full compliance and not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Committees are directed to ensure that they are conducting their business fully in compliance with Article VI, Section 7; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Executive Director is directed to work with each of the USET Committees to assure that they are in full compliance with the Bylaws, to resolve any specific concerns, such as membership, arising out of this mandate, and to report back to the Board on the implantation of this resolution.

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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