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USET Resolution No. 2012:040

SUPPORT OF EDUCATION CENTER AT THE WALL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

- WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twentysix (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,** Jan Scruggs, Founder and President of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), established the funding and Congressional support for a United States Vietnam Wall; and
- **WHEREAS,** since the dedication of the Vietnam Wall in 1982, various artifacts and memorabilia have been left at the Wall by families, comrades in arms and visitors; and
- WHEREAS, USET Board of Directors agrees with the Founder of the VVMF that it is necessary to educate visitors and future generations of American citizens about the Vietnam War and the thousands of American and Allied Forces lives lost; and
- WHEREAS, the Education Center will honor those who served through photos, digital stories, and personal items left at the wall; and
- **WHEREAS,** the need for public and financial support for the Education Center at the Wall has been brought to the attention of USET; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors fully supports the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to build the Education Center at the Wall; and, be it further
- **RESOLVED** the USET Veteran Affairs Committee encourages each member Tribe to make a financial commitment to the construction of the Education Center at the Wall.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

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

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