



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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### USET Resolution No. 2013:011

#### SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A TRIBAL SEAT ON THE NATIONAL RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTER

- 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 heightened efficiency and effectiveness of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to organize and respond to Tribal needs during Hurricane Sandy has made the USET Tribal Emergency Services Committee realize the need for a tribal representative in the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC); and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Emergency Services Committee works to provide information and guidance to USET and member Tribes so that they may handle emergency situations effectively; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is dedicated to building government-to-government relationships and providing emergency assistance to Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** communication between the NRCC and Indian Tribes is crucial during the response and recovery period of disaster in order to receive assistance from federal partners for the affected areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the permanent placement of a Tribal desk at the NRCC during an event or disaster would be advantageous to all Indian Tribes to create efficient and effective response and recovery efforts; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports Administrator Craig Fugate's goal to make the Tribal desk a permanent part of the National Response Coordination Center; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that a qualified individual with emergency management experience, cultural awareness, and a working knowledge of Tribal Governments be placed at the desk.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

Brian Patterson, President  
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Brenda Lintinger, Secretary  
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