ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 Tribal Emergency Services Committee works to provide information and guidance to USET member Tribes so that they may handle emergency situations effectively; and

WHEREAS, the recent amendments to the Stafford Act will require the creation of rules and policies that will affect USET member Tribes and other federally recognized Indian Tribes across the United States; and

WHEREAS, meaningful Tribal consultation will be critical for the creation of required rules, policy, and procedure resulting from the recent amendments of the Stafford Act by the Hurricane Sandy Relief Bill (H.R. 152); and

WHEREAS, additional Tribal consultation on amendments to the Stafford Act in regulations and policies will be needed to adequately provide services to USET member Tribes and federally recognized Indian Tribes across the United States; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests and supports the creation of a Tribal Advisory Committee that will be comprised of Tribal Representation from federally recognized Indian Tribes across the country; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors requests direct consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in matters that affect Indian Tribes.

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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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