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USET Resolution No. 2014:032

PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION AND CONVENING OF THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

- 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,** Indian Tribes hold a unique status in the United States (U.S.) with the rights and benefits of sovereign nations; and
- WHEREAS,** this relationship is grounded in the U.S. Constitution, specifically, the Indian Commerce Clause, the Treaty Clause and the Supremacy Clause, and in numerous treaties, laws, statutes and agreements between the U.S. and Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. President Barack Obama has distinguished himself by recognition of this relationship and by elevation of its importance within the Federal government through both words and deeds; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 26, 2013, the President established the White House Council on Native American Affairs, further institutionalizing the importance of this relationship; and
- WHEREAS,** the President hosted the fifth White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C., this past Fall, in which the White House Council on Native American Affairs participated; and
- WHEREAS,** it is fitting between sovereign nations to reciprocate the hosting of such meetings both as a matter of diplomatic protocol and because of the substantive value of visiting each other's lands; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors invites President Barack Obama to visit one of our Tribal Nations; and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors further invites the White House Council on Native American Affairs to convene a meeting in coordination with the President at one of our Tribal Nations; and be it finally

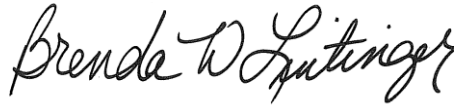
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors authorizes the USET leadership and Executive Director to extend these invitations to the President and the Council and to engage in such discussions and preparatory work in furtherance thereof.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 6, 2014.



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



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