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USET Resolution No. 2009:018

FORMATION OF A VETERANS COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 USET Board of Directors firmly believes that no Tribe truly has a voice at the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) without an established committee which consists of American Indian veterans from member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal veterans are missing out on vital information distributed by DVA which could impact funding for American Indian veterans to include healthcare services, benefits and outreach initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** presently there is no committee within USET that is solely charged with the responsibility of insuring that issues pertaining to Tribal veterans be given the appropriate emphasis and proper consultation; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors does hereby establish a USET Veterans Committee consisting of one member appointed by each member Tribe. The expenses incurred by each Committee member will be the responsibility of the member Tribe he or she represents. Membership on this committee is not limited to those appointed; however, only those appointed members have voting rights or the right to serve as an officer of the committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"