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.

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