

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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USET Resolution No. 2009:038

ENDORSEMENT OF ROBERT MCGHEE AS ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER OF NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

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 Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission is a position charged with carrying out the Federal Government's trust responsibility and fostering the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribal Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration intends to nominate an individual to oversee the National Indian Gaming Commission policies mandated by law and treaty; and

WHEREAS, Robert McGhee, Tribal Council Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has fifteen years experience engaged in Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGhee has an in-depth understanding of national Indian issues, expertise in policy development and implementation, and the ability to achieve a consensus among the various Indian Nations; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors believes that Mr. McGhee has the talent and expertise to meet the challenges of the Office of the Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission as well as to actualize the objectives of the Administration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors unequivocally endorses the nomination and appointment of Robert McGhee to the position of Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET member Tribes will forward letters from their respective governments supporting the nomination and appointment of Robert McGhee to the position of Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

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

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