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 are working for the best interest of their Tribal governments, and their members, to protect, promote, and enhance opportunities for their people; and

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel K. Inouye has become the third longest serving Senator in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was first elected to the Congress of the United States in 1959 when Hawaii became a state, having served in World War II and having earned the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was elected into the Senate of the United States in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye has served in a leadership capacity on several Committees in the Senate including the Appropriations Committee for over 38 years and joined the Indian Affairs Committee in 1978 and served as the Chairman of said Committee from 1987 to 1994; and, therefore be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors extends appreciation to Senator Daniel K. Inouye for his dedication to the United States and in particular to Indian Tribes throughout the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors further appreciates Senator Daniel K. Inouye for his leadership and continued involvement in these efforts in the 100th Congress when he assumed the Chairmanship of the Indian Affairs Committee and reported more legislation to the full Senate than any other Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED Some of the landmark legislation enacted in the 100th Congress include:

1. The reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
2. The Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act
3. Indian Education Act
4. The Native American Languages Act
5. The Native American Programs Act
6. Enactment of the Indian Finance Act
7. The Indian Land Consolidation Act
8. The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act
9. The National Museum of the American Indian Act
10. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
11. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
12. The Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act
13. The Native Hawaiian Education Act
14. The Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act
CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Hollywood, FL, on Thursday, October 29, 2009.

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

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

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