

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 93-02DC

**SUPPORT THE USE OF RESTRICTED INDIAN LAND
FOR GAMING PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 permits Indian nations to conduct gaming activities on Indian land; and

WHEREAS, the Act defines Indian lands to include reservation land, trust land or restricted land; and

WHEREAS, several members of USET are involved in gaming activities on land which is in "restricted" status;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of USET does hereby adopt and support the following positions on the issue of restricted Indian land:

- (1) USET recognizes that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act permits gaming activities on three (3) categories of Indian land: (a) land within the limits of an Indian reservation; (b) land held in trust by the United states; or (c) land which is held by an indian nation in restricted status.
- (2) Both the Act and regulation published by the National Indian Gaming Commission define "restricted land" as being land over which an Indian nation exercises governmental power and that is held by the Indian nation subject to restriction by the United States against alienation.
- (3) Several USET members hold Indian land which is in restricted status. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, this restricted land may be used for gaming activities, although the land may not be conveyed or mortgaged without the approval of the United States, through the Secretary of the Interior.
- (4) USET supports the definition of restricted land which is contained in the Indian Gaming Regulatory

Act and the accompanying regulations published by the National Indian Gaming Commission. USET opposes any attempt by the Eastern Area Office of the US Department of the Interior to limit the ability of Indian nations who are members of USET to conduct permissible gaming activities on land which is restricted status.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, DC, on February 25, 1993.



Eddie L. Tullis, President
United South and Eastern
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Keller George, Secretary
United South and Eastern
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