## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC

## RESOLUTION NO. 93-07NC

## SUPPORT FOR WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH) FOR GAMING ACTIVITIES

- whereas, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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, it is one of the purposes of USET to support the activities of member tribes that promote Indian self-determination and demonstrate tribal unity; and
- WHEREAS, USET has established the United South and Eastern Tribes Gaming Association with a stated purpose of lending "support to the member tribes of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., in their efforts to encourage tribal economic development through gaming enterprises..."; and
  - the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) has through its Tribal Council voted to enter compact negotiations, in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, with the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, William Weld, for the purpose of operation Class II and III gaming in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as means of promoting the economic well being of the Aquinnah Wampanoag People; and
- whereas, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) wishes to defend their sovereign rights to conduct gaming activities as established under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board pledges its support to the efforts of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to exercise its sovereign rights as conferred through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board will oppose attempts to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in any which precludes the rights of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), or any member tribe of USET, to operate gaming within their State.

## CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on May 15, 1993.

Eddie L. Tullis, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Keller George, Secretary

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