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## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:04

### DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-two (22) 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

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted and proclaimed by General WHEREAS. Assembly resolution 217A(III) of Dec. 10, 1995; and

WHEREAS. almost 13 years ago the U. N. Commission on Human Rights began recognizing the need for laws that would protect the Indigenous Peoples of the world. The work on a Declaration began, with technical comments from indigenous people worldwide; and

many issues which the Declaration raises is that Indigenous People have a basic WHEREAS. right to safe, sanitary, and adequate housing, health care, protection and education of children in their own language and communities, preservation of all cultural and intellectual property rights, their choice of economic development, and the preservation, restoration, and as a last resort - just compensation for their traditional land; and

WHEREAS, the Group's work, represented by the Catawba Indian Nation for 10 days was not finished in Geneva, Switzerland. There will be upcoming meetings at the U. N. Dept. in the United States. While the State Dept. are experts in international law, they know little or nothing about Federal Indian Law. We must educate them; and

WHEREAS, Members States have pledged themselves to work and achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms

#### USET RESOLUTION (No. USET 96:04)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors support the appointment of Wanda George Warren, Tribal Administrator and Chief Gilbert Blue of the Catawba Indian Nation as representative for all USET members.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Houston, TX, on December 7, 1995.

Keller George, President

United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Philip Tarbell, Secretary

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