UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:18

CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE FORMATION

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 USET Education Committee firmly believes that no tribe truly has an identity without their culture and heritage, and

WHEREAS, the culture and heritage of a tribe permeates throughout every discipline that a tribe is involved with (i.e., education, housing, health, social services, etc.), and

WHEREAS, presently there is no committee within USET that is solely charged with the responsibility of insuring that issues pertaining to Tribal culture and Tribal heritage be given the appropriate emphasis, and

WHEREAS, the USET Education Committee strongly recommends that the USET Board of Directors support the formation of a Culture and Heritage Committee within the USET, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby establish a USET Culture and Heritage Committee consisting of one member appointed by each member Tribe. The expenses incurred by each Committee member will be the responsibility of the member Tribe he or she represents. Membership on this committee is not limited to those appointed, however, only those appointed members have voting rights or the right to serve as an officer of the committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Bangor, ME on Friday, June 21, 1996.

Keller George, President
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Philip Tarbell, Secretary
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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