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Resolution No. USET 96:28

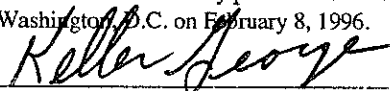
**RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE HISTORY AND INTENT OF 25 USC, 450 (b) AND ITS
RELATION TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION ACT OF 1990**

- 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 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990 gives lineal descendants and **FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED** tribes the right, and the mechanism to repatriate to their care and keeping the human remains and objects belonging to their respective ancestors, which are presently held by various others; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Indian Self-Determination Act (25 USC, 450 (b)) is specifically to in the Act, which has historically been administered to apply only to federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the NAGPRA Review Committee has gone on record (Federal Register, December 4, 1995) concurring with inappropriate ideas to modify the meaning of 25 USC, 450 (b) to include non-federal groups and organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is not within the authority, nor is it the concern of the NAGPRA Review Committee to concur with, nor propose such; and
- WHEREAS,** there exists a grave and true risk of further abuse, or misuse, of human remains, or of objects, if repatriated except to those whom the 1990 act is intended to serve; and
- WHEREAS,** the western composition and orientation of the NAGPRA Review Committee should be reconstructed to reflect South and Eastern views as well

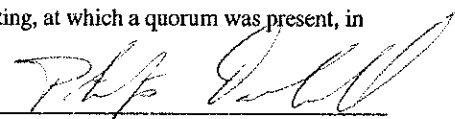
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a duly authorized delegation comprised of USET tribal leaders, knowledgeable associates, and competent legal council be authorized to consult with members of Congress on behalf of the Tribes, to petition the Secretary of the Interior to issue forthwith a clear and certain statement in regard to the history and intent of 25 USC, 450 (b) and its relation to the Native American Graves Protection Act of 1990.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Washington Impact Week Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C. on February 8, 1996.



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



Phillip Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"