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INITED COURT AND GACTORINATION TO TO

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:37

LEADERSHIP AIEO - USEPA

- 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 American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been recently vacated; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Williams has returned to his home, the Tulalip Tribe, to assume the environmental duties of his Tribal government; and
- WHEREAS, the AIEO and USEPA need a qualified, dedicated and knowledgeable Tribal leader to fulfill and continue the fine work commenced by Mr. Williams and the EPA Indian Program; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Pardilla, Executive Director of the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) has been approached by numerous Tribes, Tribal leaders and Indian Organizations to assume the AIEO USEPA Indian leadership role; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Pardilla is a member of the Penobscot Nation, having held the highest official position and offices within his Tribe and within National Indian Organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Pardilla, a former Tribal Governor, Lt. Governor, Council Member, Tribal Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Trust Responsibilities has a unique Reservation and Tribal governmental background qualifying him for the AIEO leadership position.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Tribes fully support Mr. Jerry Pardilla for the position of AIEO -USEPA Director; and that the EPA Administrator Browner, the White House, the Appropriate U.S. House and Senate Committees and National Indian Organizations be notified of our intent to have the best leadership in Indian Country leading us into the next century.

(No. USET 96:37)

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly 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

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