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Resolution No. USET 96:38

TRIBE EPA AGREEMENTS (TEA)

- 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has, after 25 years, commenced to fully include Indian Tribal Governments within its functions and activities, fully implementing the agency's 1984 Indian Policy and directives; and
- WHEREAS,** Administrator Browner has been the leader in realizing the importance and involvement of Tribes, and the Tribes' love for the land, called America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe-EPA Agreements (TEA's) are comprehensive environmental agreements between each Tribe and the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** our children's legacy can be nothing less than the cleanest natural, ecological environment possible; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes "Love America more than any other group or race in America today;" and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe-EPA Agreement shall be the cornerstone of the meaning "environment" as the Tribes seek to restore and recover the natural world from pollution and abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** in carrying out the TEA's, the Tribes will require \$35 million in FY '97, \$65 million in FY '98, and \$100 million in FY '99 and continuing fiscal years; and
- WHEREAS,** all other environmental and fish and wildlife programs must be increased proportionately in order to fully restore a clean and unpolluted America for all of our children.

"Because there is strength in Unity"

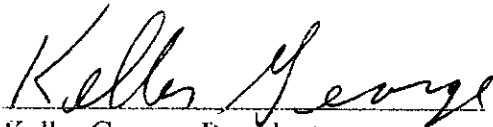
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Tribes request the Congress, White House and Administration to support "Indian America 2000" to the fullest extent, leaving a clean, unpolluted America as the legacy for all our children; and

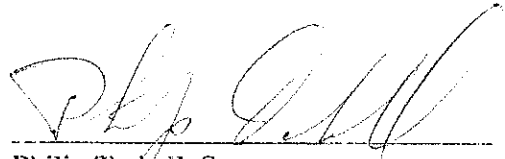
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indian Tribes and our Tribal Governments seek the environmental resources needed to proceed in cleaning up America without compromising our children's physical, mental and spiritual health.

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
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.