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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 96:47

**INVESTIGATION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES INTO THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND ITS RELATIONS WITH
FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES**

- 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 Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member Tribe's leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (Miccosukee Tribe) has their traditional homelands in the Everglades Region of Florida; and
- WHEREAS**, the traditional homelands of the Miccosukee Tribe include those lands situated within Everglades National Park (Park) and within and adjacent to Big Cypress National Preserve which Park/Preserve are both administered by the National Park Service (Park Service); and
- WHEREAS**, the USET Board of Directors, in Resolution No. 11/94-17FL, supported the Miccosukee Tribe in their quest to remove themselves from the subjugation of the Park and Park Service; and
- WHEREAS**, the Miccosukee Tribe is involved in several lawsuits against the Park Service for interference with tribal housing plans, to prevent the pollution and flooding of Tribal Lands, and to stop the Park Service's repeated and flagrant violations of Tribal Sovereignty rights; and
- WHEREAS**, it has been shown that the Park Service has not fulfilled its legal duties and has abandoned its Trust responsibility to the Miccosukee Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, there are several other Indian Tribes throughout the United States with their traditional homelands within, or adjacent to Park Service land units; and
- WHEREAS**, it has been shown that the Park Service has disregarded its legal duties, abandoned its Trust responsibility, and has violated the rights of several federally-recognized Indian Tribes whose traditional homelands are situated within and adjacent to Park Service land units.

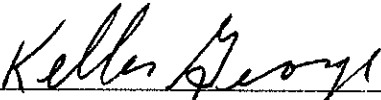
"Because there is strength in Unity"

(USET 96:47)

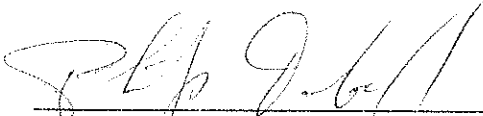
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby request and demand that the Congress of the United States investigate the National Park Service to determine the nature and extent of the injustices committed upon federally-recognized Indian Tribes by the National Park Service, and to correct those injustices.

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 and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



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