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**UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.**

Resolution No. USET 97:08

**LEGISLATIVE MONITORING AND COORDINATION**

**WHEREAS,** The United South and Eastern Tribes Inc. (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 tribes leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States Congress has recently considered several legislative proposals that would directly affect the tax and financial obligations of Indian nations; and

**WHEREAS,** It is anticipated that, during its next session, the United States Congress will consider numerous tax initiatives that threaten to adversely impact tribal governments and Native American enterprises; and

**WHEREAS,** The USET Taxation Committee desires to monitor the activities of congressional tax writing committees and to coordinate the response by USET members to those revenue proposals of interest to Indian nations and their members; and

**WHEREAS,** The USET Taxation Committee desires to coordinate its legislative monitoring and lobbying activities with those of other Native American organizations, such as the National Indian Gaming Association and the National Congress of American Indians; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Taxation Committee is hereby authorized and directed to monitor all proposed tax legislation affecting, or potentially affecting, Indian nations and their members, to advise USET tribal leaders of all such legislative proposals, and to coordinate the response to such initiatives, consistent with the goals and mission statement of USET; and

**RESOLVED,** That the Taxation Committee is authorized to receive information from and share information with the taxation committees of other Native American organizations for the purpose of more effectively: (a) monitoring tax issues of concern to Native Americans; (b) coordinating the response to legislative tax initiatives of interest to Indian nations, and (c) safeguarding Indian sovereignty from unlawful encroachment by taxing authorities.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*

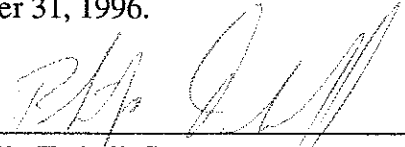
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**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Myrtle Beach, SC on Thursday, October 31, 1996.



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



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