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Resolution No. USET 97:10

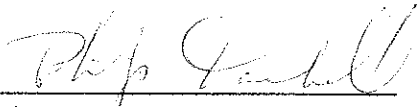
**PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL PATRIMONIAL AND  
CULTURAL HISTORY OF TRIBES**

- 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, 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,** USET is committed to preserving the cultural patrimonial and cultural history of its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Over past centuries, some USET members have had tribal members leave to establish new tribes in others states, chiefly west of the Mississippi River; and
- WHEREAS,** USET believes the cultural patrimony and items reflecting the cultural history of original tribes should remain with original tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors insists all museums and other persons holding the cultural patrimony and items reflecting the cultural history of Indian tribes should return such items to the original tribes creating them; and
- RESOLVED,** That the USET Board of Directors supports the Field Museum's notice of intent to repatriate the Oneida Tribal Belt, a wampum belt, to the Oneida Indian Nation, which is located in New York.

**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.

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

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

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*