



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 98:14

NATIVE LAWS PREVAIL IN INDIAN COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes leadership; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton, in the historic Executive Order, has reinforced the federal policy supporting self-determination and self-government for Indian tribes and has directed federal agencies to deal with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes have their own unique Court Systems, which are different from the European System; and

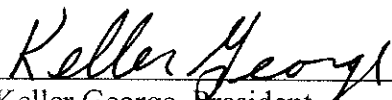
WHEREAS, one of the principal goals of USET is to preserve and safeguard the sovereignty, independence, Tribal clan structure, and rights of all Indian Nations and their members; therefore, be it

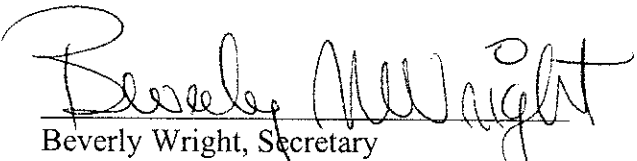
RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors fully supports all USET member nations in the practice of their own laws in Indian Country that they may resolve their own disputes and internal affairs according to values handed down from time immemorial; be it further

RESOLVED that these laws and values shall prevail in Indian Country over any other laws.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the annual USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 5, 1998.


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


Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”