Resolution No. USET 99:05

JENA BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS FEDERAL RIGHTS PROTECTION

WHEREAS, 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, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a member tribe of the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians’ federal rights are being challenged in the Louisiana State Court System; and

WHEREAS, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians does not have sufficient funds to adequately assert their right to have their legal issues heard in Federal Court and has requested that the Department of Interior and the Department of Justice intervene on their behalf; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians in their request for the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice to expeditiously review their request for assistance; and be it and further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors also requests that, after a thorough review is made of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians request and the request is determined to be warranted, that both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice expeditiously intervene to protect the rights of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 4, 1999.

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

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

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