

## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

## Resolution No. USET 99:10

## THE NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

- 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 National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC) is currently examining various issues associated with Indian gaming, including taxation, regulation, labor relations and compulsive gaming; and
- WHEREAS, the NGISC has conducted a series of hearings for the purpose of soliciting information from tribal governments regarding Indian gaming and related issues; and
- WHEREAS, the findings and determinations made by the NGISC with respect to Indian gaming will be published in a report which may serve as the foundation and impetus for further federal legislation and regulation in this area; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors directs each of its member nations to communicate their views to the NGISC regarding the subjects of: (1) taxation of tribal revenues; (2) the further federal and state regulations of Indian gaming; (3) the threat posed to Indian nations by denying them the right to promulgate their own rules and regulations dealing with labor issues; and (4) the steps Indian nations have taken to address the problem of compulsive gambling; be it further
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors directs each of its member nations to continue to monitor the activities of the NGISC and supply that body, and the special subcommittee it has formed to examine tribal gaming, with accurate information regarding Indian nations and to dispel the misinformation that is being disseminated regarding tribal gaming activities by commercial gaming interests and other enemies of Indian country.

## **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

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