Resolution No. USET 99:13

IRS RESTRUCTURING

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 IRS is currently undergoing a process of modernization and restructuring; and

WHEREAS, the IRS, in the context of its current restructuring, proposes to redefine the nature of its relationship with Indian nations; and

WHEREAS, USET does not wish the IRS to adopt policies or practices in their dealings with the tribal governments that could undermine the sovereignty of Indian nations or their government-to-government relationship with the United States; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors respectfully asks that the Internal Revenue Service consult with USET and its member tribes before implementing structural changes or promulgating policies concerning Indian nations; be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors directs the Taxation and Legislation Committee and the USET Executive Director to initiate and maintain a dialogue with the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service for purposes of communicating the interests and concerns of USET with respect to those portions of the IRS restructuring that may potentially affect tribal governments.

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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