



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 99:35

**SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 13007**

**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,** Executive Order 13007, promulgated May 24, 1996 by President William J. Clinton, clearly requires all federal agencies to deal directly and only with those Indian tribes which have received federal recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** during FY 1999, the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, agencies of the federal government, directed federal funds to a project entitled, *Identifying, Interpreting and Protecting Traditional Cultural Places and Sacred Sites* in the state of Alabama, for the purpose of drawing upon the resources of an American Indian tribe to establish official parameters for the identification of traditional cultural places and sacred sites; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service have blatantly chosen to disregard the requirements of Executive Order 13007 by dealing directly with the "Blue Clan of Echota Cherokee," a group of individuals purporting to be Indians but not recognized as such by the U.S. Secretary of Interior, rather than dealing with a federally recognized tribe on a Government-to-Government basis; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors condemns the actions of the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service and calls upon these agencies to comply with the requirements of Executive Order 13007; be it further

**RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon the National Park Service to rescind this grant appropriation and redirect this grant funding to the appropriate federally recognized tribes in accordance with Executive Order 13007.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

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

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