



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:37

**SUPPORT FOR AMENDING THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ACT OF 1966 TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF TRIBAL LANDS**

- 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 Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) defines tribal lands as: *all lands within the exterior boundaries of any Indian reservation and all dependent Indian communities*; and
- WHEREAS**, this definition is meaningless when applied to most, if not all, tribes in the East since they do not have "exterior reservation boundaries"; and
- WHEREAS**, this definition severely limits tribal jurisdiction over its lands, including fee lands and trust lands; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports amending the definition of Tribal Lands in the NHPA to cover all tribal lands, including at the very least, all reservation fee and trust lands.

**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.