



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 99:38

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR NAGPRA

- 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**, each Indian Nation is recognized as sovereign with indigenous homelands and its own specific policies with regard to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA); and
- WHEREAS**, it is agreed that we will work in unity and cooperation among the distinct federally recognized nations of USET; and
- WHEREAS**, USET recognizes that repatriation of cultural items and human remains held by museums, federal agencies and institutions should be done as expeditiously as possible; and
- WHEREAS**, USET recognizes the need for a cooperative effort for the repatriation of all culturally unidentifiable human remains of our American Indian ancestors; and
- WHEREAS**, USET recognizes the protection and preservation of each federally recognized nation's traditional cultural properties and sacred sites as directed by Executive Order 13007; and
- WHEREAS**, USET agrees that there is a need for the establishment of eternal resting places for the secure and permanent reinterment of human remains and we agree to work on the establishment of repatriation sites; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors agrees to proper Government-to-Government consultation as directed by the Executive Order of May 14, 1998, by President William J. Clinton, on consultation and coordination with Indian tribal governments in the establishment of laws, rules and policies as these relate to the federally recognized tribes of USET.

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.

"Because there is strength in Unity"