Resolution No. USET 2000:05

TRIBAL COLLECTION OF STATE TAXES

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 House Resources Committee held a hearing on October 12, 1999 regarding the issue of tribal collection of state transaction taxes, an issue that has received increased attention in the past couple of years; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Visclosky, Istook, and Sandlin, co-sponsors of H.R. 1814, advised the Committee that a legislative solution to loss of state revenue as a result of "tribal tax evasion" is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee considers this legislative solution as an "Impairment to Nation-to-Nation Trade"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors recommends that USET member tribes advocate against the tribal collection of state taxes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY Thursday, October 28, 1999.

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

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

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