Resolution No. USET 2000:12

FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX

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 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) currently takes the position that Indian nations are subject to the Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA); and

WHEREAS, federal law exempts state, local and other governments from the FUTA tax because of their status as governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, USET believes that the position of the IRS regarding the application of the FUTA tax to Indian nations is wrong and inequitable; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation currently pending before Congress that is intended to correct this inequity by exempting Indian nations from the FUTA tax; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports all legislative efforts to exempt Indian nations from the FUTA tax; be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors directs the Taxation and Legislation Committee to make these views known among elected officials and to work to ensure the successful passage of this legislation.

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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