



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

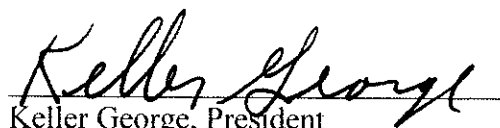
Resolution No. USET 2000:16

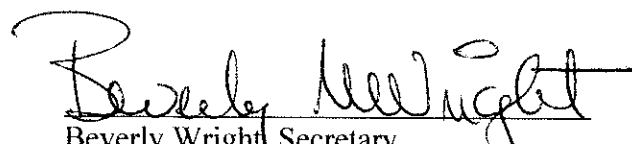
SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

- 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 USET Board of Directors supports the preservation of it's Member Tribes cultural heritage and traditions; and
- WHEREAS**, numerous USET tribes have instituted cultural centers and/or museums in order to preserve their cultural heritage, as well as educate the non-Native public in an accurate manner about our Native Cultures; and
- WHEREAS**, it is a fact that most national and regional organizations designed to provide technical assistance, funding and training for cultural centers and museums are rarely cognizant of the special and unique needs of tribal cultural centers/museums, nor are they equipped to provide relevant and urgently needed assistance to these Indian cultural centers/museums; and
- WHEREAS**, the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) at the urging of various member Indian tribal cultural/historical centers and museums has initiated the development of an American Indian Museums Association (AIMA), which has been gradually growing during the past few years; and
- WHEREAS**, the AIMA has scheduled regular meetings at symposia to provide special information for these tribal entities, and has developed a steering committee consisting of Indian people from across the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, two (2) USET Cultural Committee Members serve on the Steering Committee, and feel that the AIMA will have the potential to provide needed future support and assistance for tribal cultural centers/museums; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the positive potential of the AIMA in providing assistance, training, network and informational exchange for tribal cultural centers/museums.

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.

“Because there is strength in Unity”