



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 2000:17

NHPA SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTY

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 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has published the Implementation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Final Regulations); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of American recognizes only three forms of government, federal, state and tribal; and

WHEREAS, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Final Regulations) has certain sections within the final regulations which by their very wording diminishes tribal sovereignty; and


WHEREAS, the failure of the regulations to grant signatory authority like that given State Historic Preservation Offices further defines a lessened role in preservation and protection of those properties and entities most critical to American Indian culture and heritage, therefore be it

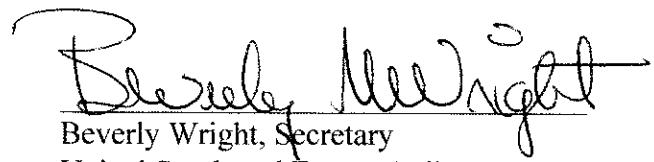
RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors objects to these changes which give any "interested party" the status of being a consulting party, thereby granting them equal status with a Sovereign Indian Nation and; therefore be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports and recommends that the "consulting parties" language is specific to federally recognized Indian tribes.

CERTIFIED

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"