Resolution No. USET 2000:25

USET SUPPORT FOR THE SANTEE-SIOUX TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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 represents the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, United States Attorney Thomas Monohan has frozen all federal fund accounts for the Santee-Sioux Tribe of Nebraska based on his sole determination the Tribe had opened a gaming facility without a compact in violation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA); and

WHEREAS, United States Attorney Monohan seeks to use this unscrupulous tactic as a bargaining chip against the Santee-Sioux Tribe of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the United States bears a sacred Trust obligation to the Santee-Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, their being a federally-recognized tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has failed to negotiate a gaming compact with the Santee-Sioux Tribe in good faith, and

WHEREAS, the Santee-Sioux Tribe is obligated to provide for its tribal members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the United States directs the immediate release of all frozen federal accounts for the Santee-Sioux Tribe of Nebraska; be it further

RESOLVED that the President of the United States also directs Attorney Thomas Monohan to desist his attempts to force action in this case and let court action proceed as IGRA intended.

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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