Resolution No. USET 2000-28


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, we recognize our existence is based on the strength and well-being of our American Indian Women; and

WHEREAS, our culture and heritage acknowledges American Indian Women as the cohesive force that is the foundation of family relationships and community alliances; and

WHEREAS, American Indian Women are the givers of life and their well-being including mental, physical, emotional, and spirituality determines the direction of the next seven generations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors declares the year 2000 as the Year of the American Indian Woman and we request that all states and the federal government recognize our declarations; be it further

RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors requests that all state and the federal governments respect our American Indian Women and stop the use of any terms considered demoralizing, dehumanizing, and offensive, which for hundreds of years have been used to subjugate and dismantle the fibers of a healthy American Indian family and society.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington DC, Thursday, February 3, 2000.

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

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

"Because there is strength in Unity"
Wabanaki of Maine Resolution

Passamaquoddy Tribe
Houlton Band of Maliseets

Penobscot Nation
Aroostook Band of MicMac

Recognition of the Year 2000
As the
Year of the Native Women
And the
Removal of the Offensive Term Squaw

Resolution #

Whereas; the Wabanaki of Maine are made up of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Maliseet Band, Micmac Band, and the Penobscot Nation, and are federally recognized Native Communities in the State of Maine with a membership population of 7300 people, and

Whereas; we recognize our existence is based on strength and well-being of our Native Women, and

Whereas; our culture and heritage acknowledges Native Women as the cohesive force that is the foundation of family relationships and community alliances, and

Whereas; Native Women are the givers of life and their well-being including mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually determine the direction of the next seven generations, and

Therefore; we the Wabanaki Native Governments and communities, declare the Year 2000 as the Year of the Native Women and we request the State of Maine and the Federal government to recognize our declaration, and

Respect our Native Women and stop the use of demoralizing, dehumanizing terms, which for hundreds of years has been used to subjugate and dismantle the fibers of a healthy Native family and society.

APPROVED

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