



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2000:31

### REQUEST TO LIFT NEAR DESIGNATION AREA MORATORIUM

**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

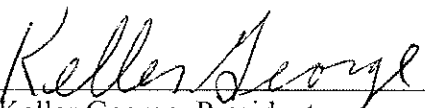
**WHEREAS,** for approximately the last eight (8) years the Department of Interior has maintained a moratorium on the expansion of tribal service areas, referred to as the Near Designation Area Moratorium; and

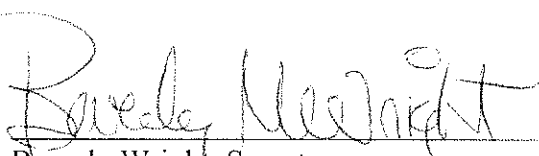
**WHEREAS,** the USET Social Services Committee has reviewed the implications of this continuing policy and determined that it unnecessarily restricts the ability of tribal social service programs to effectively serve their clients and hampers tribal governments ability to perform their responsibilities as sovereign nations; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors requests that the Near Designation Area Moratorium be lifted immediately, thus allowing tribal governments to establish their service areas.

### CERTIFICATION

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

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

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