COMMENDATION FOR PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORICAL INITIATIVE

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 Louisiana Army National Guard, with funds provided by the Army Environmental Center, conducted the Native American Historical Initiative Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, this project represents a cooperative effort between the Louisiana Army National Guard and the seven federally recognized signatory tribes to share resources and experiences, while attaining the mutually beneficial goal of improved protection of Native American Cultural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Native American Historical Initiative will stand as a sterling example of American Indians and the Army National Guard working together for mutual identification and protection of cultural resources and serve as guide for other installations as they develop their integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans; therefore be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors wishes to commend the Louisiana National Guard, the National Guard Bureau, the Army Environmental Center, and the Signatory Tribes: Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Coushatta Indians of Louisiana, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana for their work and effort to see this project to completion.

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.

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