



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

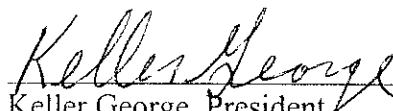
USET Resolution No. 2000:45

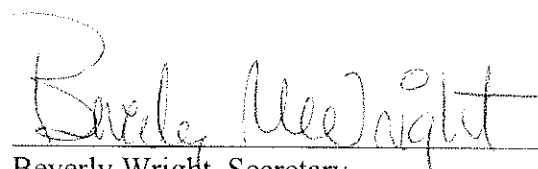
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING INCREASE

- 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,** Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA) as amended provides for tribes to assume duties of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** NHPA as amended provides for congressional funding of these Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO); and
- WHEREAS,** the new NHPA Section 106 Regulations mandate that federal agencies consult with Tribes on all undertakings as defined in NHPA which has resulted in a substantial additional burden of time and work on the part of tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the funding level for THPOs has remained static at the same time that the number of tribes qualifying for 101(d)(2) status has increased exponentially resulting in a significant decrease in funding for these THPO offices; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Service (NPS) requested an increase to \$5.2 million from the current \$2.574 million in the FY 2000 Budget for the Historic Preservation Fund from which funding is received by the THPOs; and
- WHEREAS,** the requested increase was eliminated by OMB in their review process and never submitted to Congress; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests Congress increased funding of the Historic Preservation Fund in the NPS Budget for FY 2001 to a level which provides at least adequate funding for all THPO offices.

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.