



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:78

NOMINATIONS TO THE NAGPRA REVIEW COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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**, there is not now, nor has there ever been, South and Eastern Tribal representation on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Review Committee; and
- WHEREAS**, the interests of these twenty-four federally recognized Tribes have not been properly served; and
- WHEREAS**, multiple human remains, funerary goods, and items of cultural patrimony improperly and illegally remain in the control and possession of "the others"; and
- WHEREAS**, proper disposition and equity can be achieved only by proper tribal representation of the South and East on the NAGPRA Review Committee; and
- WHEREAS**, the National Park Service is soliciting nominations for two members on this Review Committee; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby nominate Keller George (Oneida Nation, NY, Wolf Clan Representative and President of USET), Eddie Tullis (Poarch Band of Creek Indians, AL, Tribal Council, and Vice-President of USET), Gilbert Blue (Catawba Indians, SC, Chief, President of NARF), Kenneth Carlton (Mississippi Band of Choctaws, Tribal Archaeologist, THPO), William L. Cypress (Seminole Tribe of Florida, Museum Executive Director, NAGPRA Representative), Marie Junaluska (Eastern Band of Cherokee, NC, Councilwoman), Brian Patterson (Oneida Nation, NY, Bear Clan Representative, NAGPRA Repatriation Liaison), John Brown (Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island, THPO, Traditional Practitioner), Melanie Aymond (Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Research Coordinator), Carrie Wilson (Quapaw Tribe of Arkansas and Oklahoma, NAGPRA representative), Bernard Jerome (Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, ME, Cultural Director), Walter Celestine (Alabama-Coushatta Indian Tribe, TX, Cultural Committee), James Bird (Eastern Band of Cherokee, NC, THPO), Alma Ransom (St. Regis Mohawk, NY, Chief) William "Bill" Day (Chairman, USET Culture and Heritage Committee, THPO, Traditional Practitioner), Melissa Fawcett (Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, Director of Museum Authority, Tribal Historian) and Darrell Neptune (Passamaquoddy Joint Tribal Council, ME, NAGPRA Representative); be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recommend that two of the persons named be selected to fill the positions currently vacant on the NAGPRA Review Committee.

"Because there is strength in Unity"

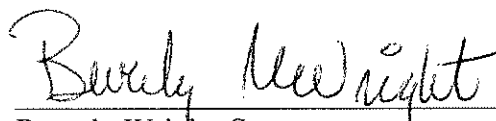
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.



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



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