USET Resolution No. 2000:79

SECTION 101(d)(5)

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, the Narragansett Indian Tribe made application to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in 1998 for 101(d)(5) certification; and

WHEREAS, the ACHP has not moved to approve the Narragansett application for 101(d)(5) certification but, instead, has moved to create an “Indian policy” to certify 101(d)(5) eligible Tribes; and

WHEREAS, such an “Indian Policy” is not called for in statute by the National Historic Preservation Act, or by regulation, to approve 101(d)(5) eligible Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the lack of certification has caused irreparable damage to traditional cultural properties and sacred sites of the Narragansett and other tribes and their preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, in USET Resolution No. 2000:44 the USET Board of Directors requested that the ACHP grant 101(d)(5) certification to the Narragansett Tribe; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors request that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and/or the Congressional Native American Caucus call for an oversight hearing into this matter and the so-called “Indian Policy” of the ACHP.

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.

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