



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2000:83

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING INCREASE

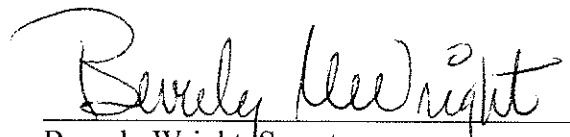
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic 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 (THPOs); 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 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 a significant increase 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 calls upon Congress to increase funding for the Historic Preservation Fund in the NPS Budget for FY 2002 to a level which provides at least adequate funding for all THPO offices.

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.

“Because there is strength in Unity”