USET Resolution No. 2001: 035

NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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 Catawba Indian Nation, a USET member Tribe, is desirous of providing spiritual support to American Indians incarcerated by the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 USC 1996) insures that freedom of worship and religious practices shall be afforded to all American Indians; and

WHEREAS, it is customary among Indian Tribes that religious leaders may take the form of medicine men or medicine women, and that such people are recognized by their Nations as being the religious leaders for their Tribes or their Nations, and are recognized by USET as being the same; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors acknowledges and supports the determination of the Catawba Indian Nation to provide spiritual and religious support to American Indians incarcerated by the State of South Carolina.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA on Thursday, February 1, 2001.

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

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

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