



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 2001:036

TAXATION AND SOVEREIGNTY

- 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,** Indian nations are sovereign and independent governments with the power to enact laws and govern their people and their lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal, state and local governments, from time to time, have made and continued to make, illegal attempts to subject Indian nations to their tax laws; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development Committee has drafted a position paper on the subject of taxation, a copy of which is attached hereto; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development Committee recommends that the Board approve and adopt its taxation position paper; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby adopts and approves the taxation position paper prepared by the USET Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development Committee; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the taxation position paper be hereby adopted and approved by the Board be disseminated to all appropriate congressional and administration officials in order that they may understand and respect the views of USET on the subject of taxation.

CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

“Because there is strength in Unity”