



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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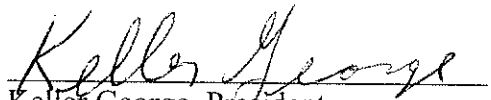
USET Resolution No. 2001:06

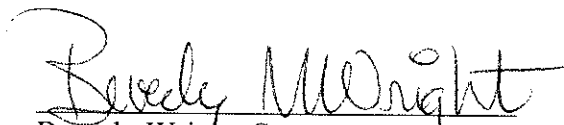
### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THPO FUNDING FORMULA

- 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 U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of the Interior have provided an increase in the Historic Preservation Fund for Federally certified Tribal Historic Preservation Officers; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Service (NPS) currently is considering THPO apportionment for FY 2001 funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPS (October 13<sup>th</sup>) proposal clearly is unacceptable because the base level funding is inadequate to the needs of the THPOs, and the proposed THPO competitive grants create an atmosphere of divisiveness that clearly benefits the NPS to the exclusion of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no past discussion or demonstrated need for such a competitive grant program; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPS has failed to consult with the Tribes in any meaningful manner concerning this funding formula; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPS has failed to seek adequate funding for current and future THPO; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Department of the Interior to delete the THPO competitive grant from its current NPS funding proposal, and to apportion the FY2001 basic program allocation of \$100,000 each, with the remaining funds allocated to the THPOs per the current land-base formula, for this year only; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Department of the Interior to direct the NPS to engage in real and meaningful consultation with the THPOs concerning future funding allocations.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY on Thursday, November 2, 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”*