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 Department of the Interior (DOI)/National Park Service (NPS) has received increases in FY 2001 funding to cover the costs of clearing backlogs in the NAGPRA Notices to Repatriate; and

WHEREAS, USET previously has recognized the lack of adequate financial support for programs and project proposals submitted by Federally recognized Tribes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors calls upon the DOI/NPS to continue to support programs and project proposals at the highest possible levels, rather than diverting any of these programmatic monies to costs associated with clearing NAGPRA backlogs or any other administrative purposes.

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.

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