



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2001:11

### **SUPPORT OF NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE “JOURNALISM WITHOUT BORDERS”**

- 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,** among USET's stated purpose and objectives as put forth in the "Statement of Unity" are:
- a. To promote Indian leadership in order to move forward in the ultimate, desirable goal of complete Indian involvement and responsibility at all levels in Indian affairs;
  - b. To promote better understanding of the issues involving Indian Tribes and other people;
  - c. To advocate for more effective use of existing local, state, federal, and international resources;
  - d. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas;
  - e. To dedicate ourselves to improvement of the quality of life for American Indians through increased health, education, social services and housing opportunities;
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Journalist Association is a 501c(3) qualified organization whose goals are to improve its members journalistic skills, and standards to ensure a free and independent press in Indian country; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Journalist Association is hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual conference and workshops June 13-16, 2001 in Buffalo, NY; and
- WHEREAS,** a free and independent American Indian press can assist in the public and educational outreach goals of the USET; Education, Culture and Heritage, Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development, Tribal Justice, Taxation and Legislation, EMS and Fire Protection, Housing, Natural Resources, Social Services and the Health Committees; and
- WHEREAS,** establishing good relations with the Native American Journalist Association would support USET's stated purpose and objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** among the benefits of establishing and maintaining good relations with the Native American Journalist Association is the dissemination of information regarding accomplishments of USET tribes, to Congress, Governors, National and Regional Tribal organizations and other policy advocates; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Journalist Association Annual Conference and workshops require participation of tribal organizations in order to be effective; and


*“Because there is strength in Unity”*


**WHEREAS**, participation by USET member tribes will further fulfill the aforementioned USET purpose and objectives; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the USET Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to assist the Native American Journalist Association in gathering participatory and financial support from USET member tribes.

**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.