



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

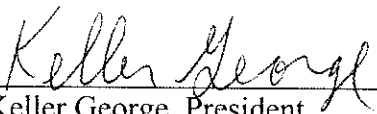
Resolution No. USET 2001:16


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,** periodically the federal, state and local governments, have and continue to make, illegal attempts to subject Indian nations to their tax laws; and
- WHEREAS,** certain Indian nations, such as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, have developed position statements regarding federal and state taxation (a copy of the one prepared by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has been supplied to the Board); and
- WHEREAS,** USET does not currently have a comprehensive policy concerning tribal sovereignty and federal and state taxation; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors commends and supports the efforts of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe to combat the imposition of illegal taxes by the federal, state, local and foreign governments; be it further
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors hereby directs the Commercial Law, Legislation and Economic Development Committee to develop, prior to Impact Week 2001, a comprehensive policy regarding tribal sovereignty and federal and state taxation for review and consideration by the Board of Directors.

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.