USET Resolution No. 2001:25

UNITED NATIONS WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

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, in 1995 the United Nations (UN), with the cooperation of its member states including the United States, declared the International Decade of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this UN initiative was to draft and adopt a Declaration of Indigenous Rights with the same status as its Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors, by previous Resolution, appointed Wanda George-Warren to represent its member Tribes at the UN Working Group sessions held in Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors has continued its participation annually since that time, with the generous support of the Catawba Indian Nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors extends its gratitude to the Catawba Indian Nation for its generosity, and affirms its continuing commitment to participate in this UN Working Group, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors hereby reaffirms its appointment of Wanda George-Warren as Delegate, and Carson Blue and Susan George as Alternates.

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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