

## United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 027

## REAFFIRMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN POLICIES WITHIN FEDERAL AGENCIES

- 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, a unique Trust Relationship exists between the United States Government and federally recognized Tribal governments as identified through the U.S. Constitution, Treaties, Presidential Directives, and Congressional declarations; and
- WHEREAS, by virtue of being agents of the U.S. Government, all federal agencies, have a duty and obligation to carry out the U.S. Government's Trust responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS, there is not consistent implementation of Native American Policies by Federal agencies (ie: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Agriculture) on both the National and Regional levels as evidenced by the differing amounts of effort shown by each respective Federal agency; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests reaffirmation and consistent implementation of agency American Indian policies by all Federal agencies on both the National and Regional levels and; be it further
- **RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests agency American Indian Liaisons attend Cultural sensitivity Training that is approved by the Tribes.

## **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA on Thursday, February 1, 2001.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wnight, Secretary

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