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 (i.e. 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 Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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