UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 032

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN GROUNDBREAKING

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, the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) recently held its groundbreaking ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the “Piscataway Nation” of Maryland is reported to have represented all northeastern and southeastern Tribes at that event; and

WHEREAS, the so-called “Piscataway Nation” is a non-Federally recognized group and not a Tribe as defined by Federal law; and

WHEREAS, this action constitutes an egregious insult to the USET member Tribes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Director of the NMAI to confirm or deny the accuracy of this report; and, is called upon to issue a public apology to the USET member Tribes if this report is accurate; and, be it further

RESOLVED the Director of NMAI; and, is called upon to issue a public statement assuring the USET Tribes that such an affront will not reoccur.

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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