

United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

USET Resolution No. 2001:071

ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KEEPSAFE HERITAGE CEMETARIES

- WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 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, USET commends the Louisiana Army National Guard for establishing, on Camp Beauregard, LA, the first Keepsafe Heritage Cemetery on a military installation; and
- WHEREAS, this is a superb and sensitive example of respect for American Indian human remains and demonstrates a high degree of intercultural understanding; and
- WHEREAS, this is a unique action and welcomed by the USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, there is a great and immediate need for the establishment of other such grounds; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors, encourages all other federal and state agencies, in consultation with the federally recognized Tribes, to consider establishing similar designation of sites across the United States, where such ancestral lands are under their control.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2001.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary

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