Resolution No. USET 2002:021

TRIBAL ASSOCIATION ON SOLID WASTE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, there exists a major need for solid waste management and emergency response capability in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Tribal Association on Solid Waste & Emergency Response (TASWER) is to support tribal capacity to develop and implement successful solid waste and emergency response programs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of TASWER has demonstrated to the USET Natural Resources Committee his lack of direction, motivation, and positive outlook on the TASWER organization; and

WHEREAS, other tribal organizations have voiced their concerns about the dysfunction of the Executive Director as demonstrated through verbal and written correspondence; and

WHEREAS, TASWER lacks the management and leadership necessary to fulfill its mission, and has failed to properly represent Indian country; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the TASWER Board of Directors has refused regional representatives the opportunity to address, among other issues, management of funds, evaluation of the Executive Director, and delivery of pertinent information necessary for the board to formulate policy; and

WHEREAS, appropriate efforts have not been made within the TASWER organization to reconcile and rehabilitate, rendering it ineffective; and

WHEREAS, USET was instrumental in the formation of the TASWER organization and continues to support the TASWER mission to serve Indian country; and

WHEREAS that these actions will allow TASWER to make progress towards fulfillment of its mission and original purpose to serve solid waste and emergency response needs in all of Indian Country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors demands the resignation of the Executive Director of TASWER and request that the Chairperson of the TASWER Board relinquish chairmanship to another TASWER Board representative.

"Because there is strength in Unity"
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL, on Thursday, October 25, 2001.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.