



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 2002:023

EPA TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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 tribe's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for the environment, health and safety of all peoples within the external boundaries of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the States have received this protection since the early 1970s and have progressed in developing the environmental infrastructure and programs within their states having received extraordinary support of EPA; and

WHEREAS, EPA has only in the last decade commenced to include Indian tribes, their reservations and trust lands; and

WHEREAS, tribes have been subjected to the most serious environmental conditions over these years while the tribes still lack significant advancement in comparison to states in environmental infrastructure and program support; and

WHEREAS, the budget has been placed in question due to terrorism and actions against America, our home; and

WHEREAS, the tribes support the President's actions taken in regard to protecting America and all peoples; and

WHEREAS, tribes have a magnificent and truly great history in defending America, having members in all the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, many tribal veterans are members of our tribal governments and leadership; and

WHEREAS, our environmental programs have evolved into efficient and effective tribal departments of environmental protection; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests that President Bush, Administrator Whitman and other Departments and Agencies, and, the Congress to protect the Indian programs and respective budgets in the future, and be it further


RESOLVED that all tribal programs serve as our basic governmental support in protecting our families and members.

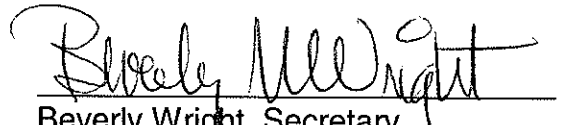
“Because there is strength in Unity”

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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.