WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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 represents the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) formed a tribally driven budget advisory council comprised of two tribal representatives from each of the twelve regions to assist in the formulation of annual BIA budget needs; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors supports this concept of a tribally driven budget formulation process; and

WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors did appoint two representatives from the Eastern Region which have served for the past year; and

WHEREAS, one of the Eastern Regional representatives, Beverly M. Wright, Chairperson for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), wishes to continue to represent the tribes of the region in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the other representative has chosen not to continue serving on the council due to time constraints, and thus wishes to be replaced on the council by a new representative; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors re-affirms the appointment of Beverly M. Wright, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), to continue serving the Eastern Region on the council; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors takes action to appoint Randy Noka of the Narragansett Tribe to be the new representative for the Eastern Region on the BIA Tribal Budget Advisory Council; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors appoints the USET Executive Director to serve as a technical support advisor and alternate for the appointed tribal representatives.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 31, 2002.

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

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

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