



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:036

IDENTIFYING HATE GROUPS

- 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 comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** all indigenous native cultures are threatened by the existence of hate mongering groups; and
- WHEREAS,** local hate groups have joined forces with known national anti-Indian figures and organizations to form a nationwide network; and
- WHEREAS,** the specific intent of this network is to eliminate American Indian governments, societies, and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** these groups operate through local, state, and national political elected officials to influence policy and legislative changes that would reduce and eliminate sovereign and treaty rights; and
- WHEREAS,** one of the goals of these groups is to eliminate the avenues of revenue that sustain and provide for the welfare of Indian nations and their members; and
- WHEREAS,** the documented tactics that these groups employ are similar to those historically visited upon other groups such as Africans, Jews, Latinos, and Asians, including economic boycotts, spying, public ridicule, ethnic slurs, and threats of violence; and
- WHEREAS,** these groups exist throughout Indian Country including, but not limited to the Upstate Citizens for Equality (UCE) who have joined forces with Citizens for Equal Rights Alliance and United Property Owners; and
- WHEREAS,** hate crimes are also committed against American Indians/Alaska Natives by individuals not associated with organized hate groups; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors deplores and condemns the actions of the UCE as a hate group and all such hate groups; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors will provide information to Congress, the President of the United States, the media, and to advocacy organizations against hate crimes to expose the hate crime acts and perpetrators; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors condemns all hate groups and supports all those who stand for freedom and tolerance.

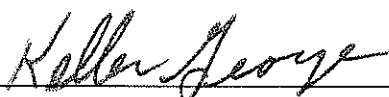
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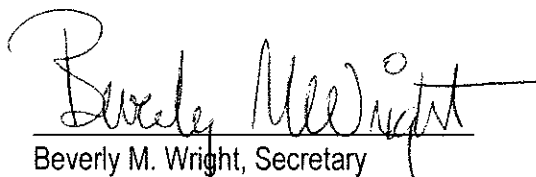
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CERTIFICATION

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
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