

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2002:046

TRIBAL MUSEUM ENDOWMENT FUND

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, the U.S. Congress 101st Session, passed the National Museum of the American Indian Act (PL 101-185, as amended) establishing the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) within the Smithsonian Institution (SI); and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the Act established a Tribal Museum Endowment Fund specifically designated for renovation and repair of Tribal museum facilities, authorized at \$2 million per fiscal year beginning in FY 1992; and

WHEREAS, Congress has failed to appropriate monies for this fund to date; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors urges the U.S. Congress to give immediate consideration to this funding and to implement it during FY 2004, to provide for this purpose.

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.

"Because there is strength in Unity"