



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

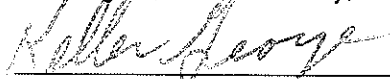
### USET Resolution No. 2002:069

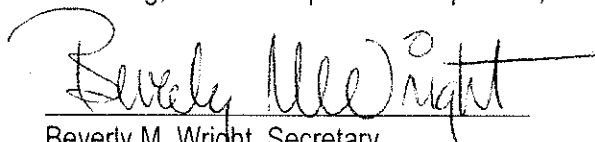
#### "IN THE LIGHT OF REVERENCE"

- 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,** a major film, in international distribution, titled "In the Light of Reverence" frames the controversy over sacred Indian sites as one which occurs only in the Western United States; and
- WHEREAS,** sacred sites also exist across all of the Southern and Eastern United States; and
- WHEREAS,** such misconceptions perpetuate the stereotype that no Indians or our sacred sites exist in the Eastern United States; and
- WHEREAS,** such misconceptions result in legislation that substantively inhibits the rights of USET Tribes to continue our own dynamic and living spiritual traditions and to maintain access to our sacred sites, wherever they occur; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribes were neither consulted in the production of the film, nor invited to its screening by federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** this film is to be presented to the Department of the Interior and other federal agencies, in Washington, D.C., to sensitize these agencies to the issues surrounding preservation of sacred sites; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairman of the Culture and Heritage Committee now has been invited to participate in public panels surrounding these events; and
- WHEREAS,** the Culture and Heritage Committee successfully has negotiated with the film's Producer, to assist in revising the visual introduction and all educational components associated with the project, in order to include and clarify the position of the USET Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors endorses Culture and Heritage Chairman Bill Day as the USET representative on the public panels during these events; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that, in the tradition of inviting other Tribes to our homelands, the USET Board of Directors hereby expresses its desire to be a host of the exhibition of the film, the opening reception, and other associated events to be held for the Department of the Interior and other Federal agencies.

#### 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"*