



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

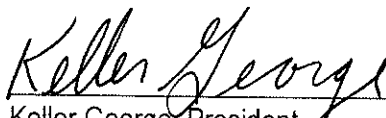
USET Resolution No. 2002:071

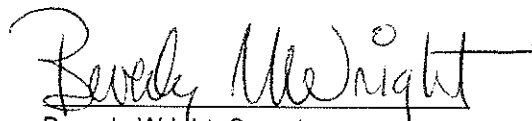
TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION INITIATIVE

- 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,** numerous decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, such as *Nevada v. Hicks*, undermine the sovereignty of Indian nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and other organizations have formed the Tribal Sovereignty Protection Initiative, for purposes of crafting legislation that will reverse the adverse Supreme Court decisions and protect the sovereignty of Indian nations from further erosion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Sovereignty Protection Initiative desires to expand the role of Indian Country in the process of selecting the members of the federal judiciary in order to improve the quality of the American justice system; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors strongly endorses the Tribal Sovereignty Protection Initiative and urges each of its member nations to support this project and all efforts to protect and enhance, through the legislative and judicial processes, the sovereignty of Indian nations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Nashville, TN, Thursday, June 13, 2002.


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


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

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