



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2002:073

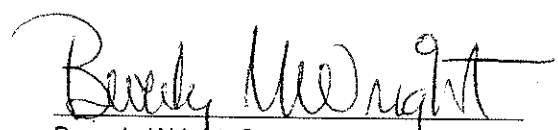
ACHP "SECTION 106 AMERICAN INDIAN CONSULTATION DATABASE"

- 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 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), Western District, has taken the initiative to create an electronic database to be entitled "Section 106 American Indian Consultation Database," and has approached the USET Culture & Heritage Committee seeking guidance; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of this database is to offer Tribes the opportunity to provide federal agencies and others seeking consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470 et seq.) the guidance they need in order to identify Tribes which have sites of religious and cultural significance on lands other than those of their reservations, and on which the federal or other agencies propose undertakings; and
- WHEREAS,** this database will comprise geographical and historical data indicating the ancestral lands of each Tribe, as well as those areas and eras when Tribes may have created sites of religious and cultural significance in other, non-ancestral, lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the presence of this database, created by the ACHP, in a nationally accessible form, will reaffirm the ability of the Tribes to enter into consultation and legally binding agreements, in order to protect their sites of traditional, religious and cultural significance and, in addition, will enhance the legal ability of the ACHP to support the Tribes in the process of consultation and historic preservation; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports this project, with the following stipulations:
1. That the ACHP should immediately create a formal protocol for the creation and maintenance of the database, in order to ensure that Tribal information will not be subverted to other purposes in the process of creating and maintaining the database;
 2. That all information contributed, voluntarily, by the USET Tribes represented in the database, shall remain the sole property of each of the USET Tribes and not of the ACHP or any other federal or non-federal agency; and
 3. That the ACHP enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with each of the USET Tribes that wishes to contribute to the database, in order to codify the protocols of the project and the stipulations as set forth in this Resolution.

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.

"Because there is strength in Unity"