



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:013

BIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently hosted an Economic Development Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, an event that was sponsored, in part, by USET; and
- WHEREAS,** over 1,500 individuals and more than 160 exhibitors attended the Phoenix Economic Development Summit; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as a result of the Economic Development Summit, has devised an action plan to further the process of development and diversification in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of that action plan, the Bureau of Indian Affairs intends to sponsor another economic development summit in 2003; and
- WHEREAS,** USET desires to support the efforts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to enhance economic development in Indian Country; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors enthusiastically endorses the proposed economic development summit for 2003 and hereby pledges to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the planning, preparation and execution of this important event; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors encourages the Bureau of Indian Affairs to select a central location for the 2003 summit in order to increase the participation of Indian nations located in the eastern, southern and midwestern regions of the United States.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

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

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