



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2003:015

### TRIBAL CIVIL REGULATORY AND TAXING JURISDICTION

- 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 United States Supreme Court in *Nevada v. Hicks* erroneously applied to Indian trust lands the legal test set forth in *Montana v. United States*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the United States vests Congress with authority to regulate Commerce with Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has guaranteed the right of Indian Tribes to self-government through numerous treaties and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** business invitees on Indian lands understand and acknowledge that they enter Indian lands subject to tribal government authority; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors call upon Congress to reaffirm that among the powers of self-government of Indian Tribes is the authority to regulate economic activities and business transactions on Indian lands.

### 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.