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.

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