



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 2003:019

### "TRIBAL TRADITIONAL CULTURAL AUTHORITY"

- 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 tribe's leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Service (NPS) has proposed "Procedures for State, Tribal, and Local Government Historic Preservation Programs" (36 CFR 61.8) that include a definition of "Tribal traditional cultural authority"; and
- WHEREAS,** this definition confirms the status of such individuals as equal to that of any professional who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards; and
- WHEREAS,** this definition is in conformance with the traditional positions of such individuals within Tribal society; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors affirms and supports this definition and urges the NPS to retain this proposed definition in the final Rule.

### 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.