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.

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