NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT REGULATIONS REVISIONS

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 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act to promulgate rules and regulations as deemed necessary to govern the implementation of Section 106; and

WHEREAS, 36 CFR 800.2(b)(2)(ii)(F)(4). "Applicants for Federal assistance, permits, licenses, and other approvals," permits an applicant or group of applicants to initiate consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (SHP/O/THPO); and

WHEREAS, this delegation of authority to initiate consultation is a violation of the federal trust responsibilities to tribes as well as a violation of tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation to strike all language referencing THPOs within 36 CFR 800.2(b)(2)(ii)(F)(4).

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 6, 2003.

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

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

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