



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

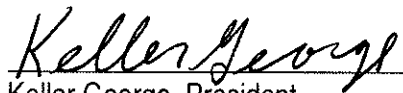
USET Resolution No. 2004:003


MALISEET TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 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 Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has a sovereign right to form a Tribal Police Department to protect property and lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Justice has approved the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' request to fund a Tribal Police Department acknowledging the sovereignty of the tribe; therefore, be it
- WHEREAS,** the State of Maine has refused to recognize the right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' to establish a Tribal Police Department; and
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the sovereign rights of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to form its own Tribal Police Department; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that USET write a letter to the Governor of the State of Maine, US Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, US Representatives Michael Michaud and Thomas Allen, in support of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' right to form a Tribal Police Department.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, October 23, 2003.


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


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