



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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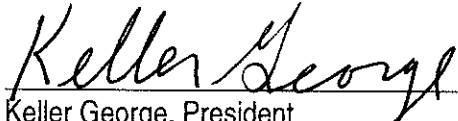
USET Resolution No. 2004:008

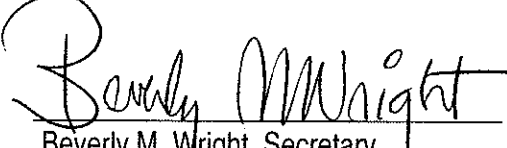
### **SUPPORT FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S AD HOC INTER-TRIBAL COLLEGE WORKGROUP TO CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT STEPS OF ESTABLISHING A USET INTER-TRIBAL COLLEGE IN THE EAST**

- 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 Board of Directors officially represents the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors passed USET Resolution No. 2003:048 approving the formation of an Inter-Tribal College Ad Hoc Workgroup, operating under the direction of the USET Education Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Inter-Tribal College Ad Hoc Workgroup were assigned the task of determining the need for and the feasibility of establishing a tribal college in the East; and
- WHEREAS,** through preparing a "Most Frequently Asked Questions Paper" and conducting surveys of professionals from within the fields of education, environment, health and USET Tribal Leaders, the Workgroup has determined a substantial need for a tribally chartered post secondary educational institution for tribal students in the East; and
- WHEREAS,** at present there exists no tribally-driven higher education facility in the East; and
- WHEREAS,** tribal students are thus obliged to attend local non-responsive and non-sensitized post secondary institutions, or to relocate to tribally controlled colleges west of the Mississippi River; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the work of the USET Education Committee and the USET Inter-Tribal College Ad Hoc Workgroup; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors instructs the USET Staff, Education Committee and the USET Inter-Tribal College Ad Hoc Workgroup to continue to cooperatively move forward with the next steps of establishing an inter-tribal college in the East, including identifying potential trustees and securing initial and continuing Congressional support for the USET inter-tribal college.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting and 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.

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