



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

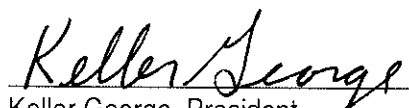
USET Resolution No. 2004:015

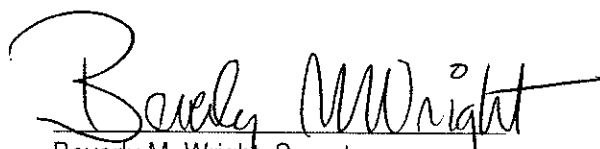
REQUIRED CONSULTATION BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS REGARDING STAFF REORGANIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, AND NEW YORK FIELD OFFICES

- 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** BIA has implemented changes in the staff structure of the Bureau's Natural Resources, Environmental Services Divisions and New York Field Office; and
- WHEREAS,** tribes have been building environmental infrastructure and program support in an effort to improve current and future programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA reorganization will have a profound effect upon the delivery of services to Tribes within the Eastern Region; and
- WHEREAS,** the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has decided to proceed with the current reorganization plan even though Tribes have in the past and continue to oppose the plan; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes within the Eastern Region should be consulted regarding the potential disruption of services resulting from this restructuring of these crucial divisions within the BIA; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA ERO Director, Franklin Keel, has made plans to staff the New York BIA field office; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests Franklin Keel, BIA Eastern Region Director, to consult with Eastern Regional Tribal Officials regarding the restructure of the Environmental Services Division of BIA and the staffing options for the BIA New York Field Office; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests the BIA Natural Resources and Environmental Services Division to provide the tribes with an organizational chart directly showing areas of change in responsibility and revised contact information.

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.