FORMALIZATION AND CONSULTATION ON THE 57/58 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MANUAL (57/58 BIAM)

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 57/58 BIAM is a document that has been in existence for two (2) decades in draft form; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads program insists on utilizing the policies and guidelines within the “draft” 57/58 BIAM; and

WHEREAS, the 57/58 BIAM policies and guidelines often restrict the activities and/or place burdens upon tribal nations above and beyond the requirements of the law; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests that the BIA take official steps to finalize the document, through formal tribal consultation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT, 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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