



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:037

SUPPORT OF THE PENOBSCOT NATION'S MAY 8, 2003 REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND INTO TRUST FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

- 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,** one of USET's goals is to support member nations as they move to address their tribal housing concerns and needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Indian Nation (Penobscot Nation) is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Nation with its tribal government located at Indian Island, Penobscot County, Maine; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Nation is a member Nation of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** USET recognizes that the Penobscot Nation is suffering a critical housing shortage arising from the combination of having a need to build approximately 60 more housing units, and lacking the tribal land upon which to build; and
- WHEREAS** the Penobscot Nation has filed a May 8, 2003 Request for Approval from the Secretary of the Interior for certain land of the Penobscot Nation (Argyle) to be placed in trust; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors strongly supports the Penobscot Nation's May 8, 2003 Request for Approval from the Secretary of the Interior for certain land of the Penobscot Nation (Argyle) to be placed in trust as soon as possible in order to relieve the Penobscot Nation of its housing shortage crisis.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was presented 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.