



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2004:039

### **SUPPORT OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES (AI/AN) TO BE COLLECTIVELY RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (NOC) TO COMPETE IN THE 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES.**

- WHEREAS,** The 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,** we the members of the United South and Eastern Tribes of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our respective Indian Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** those rights are secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws and of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** we strive to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of Indigenous Peoples, to preserve American Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health and welfare of the Indian people; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native American Sports Council, Inc. (NASC) is a national Native American non-profit community based multi-sport organization that provides a national voice for Native American sport and recreation initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the NASC is a member organization of the United States Olympic Committee, and affirms to support of the NASC by passing a resolution for the continued support to promote athletic excellence and wellness within Native American communities through sports programs which combine traditional Native American values with those of the Modern Olympic movement; and
- WHEREAS,** the NASC, consistent with its mandate, promotes the development of Native American athletes and coaches to achieve personal excellence in sport through comprehensive, contemporary and traditional approaches that incorporate Native People's physical, mental, spiritual and cultural values; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of the NASC is to create a National Olympic Committee (NOC) comprised of a consortium of sovereign tribal nations to submit an Olympic Charter, in which the expression "Country" means an independent sovereign State recognized by the international community similar to the U.S. protector of Guam; and
- WHEREAS,** the name of the NOC "Native American Olympic Committee" (NAOC) reflects the territorial extent and traditions of tribes that are federally recognized as American Indian/Alaskan Natives; and


*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

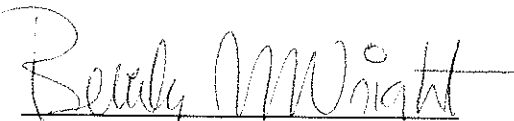
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- WHEREAS,** the mission of the NAOC is to develop and promote the Olympic Movement and ideals within Tribal communities and nations in accordance with the Charter of the IOC in a manner that fully respects the sovereign status of Tribal governments; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors formally recognizes the NASC as a national multi-sport organization representing federally recognized tribal governments at national and international venues; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the USET Board of Directors does hereby commit its pledge of support to the NASC and its tribal government approved initiatives; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors strongly encourages the IOC to grant NOC status to the NAOC in order to enable America's first peoples and governments to be respected, embraced and recognized within the International Olympic movement.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 5, 2004.

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

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