



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2004:040

RESPECTING ABORIGINAL LANDS

- 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,** USET has the responsibility to its membership to anticipate and resolve potential problems between or affecting elements of the membership, and the membership as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** there exists problems or potential problems between elements of the membership, or others, relating to land purchases, by one or more of the membership or others in the aboriginal, ancestral, historical territory and/or homeland of another of the membership; and
- WHEREAS,** such purchases of such lands were or might be conducted without consultation with the government of the affected member, leading to conflict or potential conflicts between elements of the membership, and
- WHEREAS,** therefore, be it resolved, that is hereby the policy of USET that no member of USET be allowed to purchase lands within the aboriginal territory, historical territory and or homelands, of another member, without first consulting the government of the affected member; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that where there are competing or overlapping claims of territory and/or homelands it is understood that the member governments involved shall consult as a matter of process in-order to resolve any conflicts or potential conflicts; therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED** that should any other Indian Tribe who is not a USET member purchase or attempt to purchase lands, within the aboriginal, historical, ancestral territory or homelands of the membership of USET; It shall be the policy of USET to assist the member Tribe in resolving any conflicts or potential conflicts arising there from; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that USET will enact and establish protocols and principles addressing resolution of any outstanding problems or potential problems in the event the affected parties are not able to resolve their issues arising from a purchase or potential purchase of lands as stated above.

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.

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

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

“Because there is strength in Unity”