USET Resolution No. 2004:080

APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON FEDERAL WORKGROUPS/COMMITTEES

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 needs and issues affecting the USET member tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the tribes occupy; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Executive Order 13076 directed Federal Agency Secretary’s and Directors to conduct meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments regarding issues that affect them, and

WHEREAS, federal agencies have formed workgroups/committees in response to Executive Order 13076 and continually request representation along their respective regional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies request elected tribal officials to participate in the various workgroups/committees; and

WHEREAS, every effort is made to appoint an elected tribal official to serve and participate on workgroups/committees when requested; and

WHEREAS, there are instances where it is not possible to appoint an elected tribal official to a workgroup due to competing priorities or other factors and in these instances the USET Board of Directors may elect to appoint a USET senior executive staff member to serve on a workgroup/committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors has complete confidence in the USET senior executive staff members and that when they are appointed to a workgroup/committee they are empowered to advocate and represent the official position of the USET member tribes; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does not believe that the appointment of a USET senior executive staff member to a workgroup/committee diminishes the government-to-government relationship.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Hollywood, FL, on Thursday, June 17, 2004.

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

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

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