



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2005:008

### OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT 17 IN H.R. 10, THE 9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

- 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,** on October 8, 2004, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an Amendment to H.R. 10, sponsored by Congressman Doug Ose of California, which exempts the construction of a security barrier in south San Diego from the National Historic Preservation Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and Executive Order 13007; and
- WHEREAS,** exempting federal construction sites from these laws will preclude any government-to-government consultation with American Indians on any cultural or sacred site issues involved with this undertaking; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors condemns Amendment 17 and calls on Congress to strip it from the final version of this bill.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

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

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