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.

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