

United South and Eastern Tribes, inc.

USET Resolution No. 2005:020

SUPPORT OF NATIVE AMERCIAN SPORTS COUNCIL

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, Indian Tribes are sovereign indigenous nations, with rights of self-government pre-dating the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, and executive orders acknowledge the sovereign status of Indian tribes as governments; 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, NASC is a member organization of the United States Olympic Committee and promotes athletic excellence and wellness within Native American communities through sports programs that combine traditional Native American values with those of the modern Olympics; and

WHEREAS, NASC promotes the development of Native American athletes and coaches and encourages them to achieve personal excellence in sports through comprehensive, contemporary and traditional approaches that incorporate Native People's physical, mental, spiritual and cultural values; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of NASC to conduct the 2006 North American Indigenous Games, a celebration of sport and culture for North American indigenous people of Turtle Island; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of NASC to develop and promote the Olympic movement and ideals within Tribal communities and nations in accordance with the Charter of the United States Olympic Committee, the 1984 Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, and the International Olympic Committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that USET formally recognizes NASC as a national multi-sport organization, promoting the athletic excellence and wellness of Native Americans, in cooperative effort with federally recognized tribal governments throughout the United States and internationally; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the USET Board of Directors does hereby pledge its support to NASC and its Tribal government approved initiatives.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA on Thursday, February 10, 2005.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary

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