NOMINATION OF BIA EASTERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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 represents the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) formed a tribally-driven National Tribal Budget Advisory Council comprised of two regional representatives and alternates from each of the twelve BIA regions, nominated by the Tribes of each respective region, to assist in the formulation of annual BIA budget development and strategy; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the USET Board of Directors has appointed two Tribal Leaders from the Eastern Region to serve on the National Tribal Budget Council; and

WHEREAS, due to recent changes in Tribal leadership and the resignation of one of the appointed representatives from the National Budget Advisory Council, the USET Board of Directors recognizes the need to appoint a new representative; and

WHEREAS, USET sent out letters requesting interested individuals to submit their name for consideration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors appoints Brenda Fields of the Penobscot Nation to serve as an official representative of the Eastern Region on the National Tribal Budget Advisory Council; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors continues to support Randy Noka of the Narragansett Indian Tribe as the other official representative and James T. Martin, USET Executive Director and Tiffany Cheuvront, Bureau Information Officer as the official alternates of the BIA National Tribal Budget Advisory Council.

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. Tuills, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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