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 United States Department of Commerce is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee); and

WHEREAS, this committee advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Interior on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs; and

WHEREAS, many USET member Tribes are geographically located either near the Atlantic coast or near the Gulf of Mexico and are concerned with and/or affected by aspects of marine conservation; and

WHEREAS, the USET Natural Resources Committee has recommended Stephen Crawford, Environmental Director of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Pleasant Point be nominated for membership on the Advisory Committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors accepts this recommendation and nominates Stephen Crawford, Environmental Director, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Pleasant Point for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT, on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

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

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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