



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

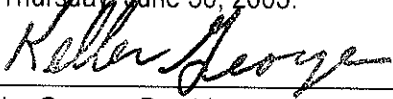
USET Resolution No. 2005:062

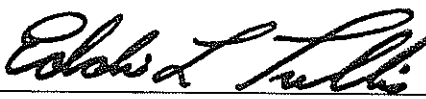
### SUPPORT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF CELL TOWER BEST PRACTICES AGREEMENT

- 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 protection of Tribal sacred sites is critical to Tribal identity and central to efforts to protect Tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** after extensive consultation with USET, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a nationwide programmatic agreement (NPA) for Section 106 consultation and a Best Practices document, which provide guidance to the telecommunications industry and USET Tribes in order to facilitate historic preservation and environmental reviews; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Communications Commission also implemented, with recommendations from USET, an electronic database and notification system known as the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS), which provides notification to participating Tribes of proposed tower locations in geographic areas of interest to them, as well as notification to the FCC and FCC applicants of which USET Tribes have an interest in an area where a tower is proposed for construction; and
- WHEREAS,** since adoption of these documents and implementation of the TCNS, contact has been dramatically improved between USET Tribes, FCC applicants and the consultants to the applicants; and
- WHEREAS,** there are still many telecommunications companies who do not fully understand the NPA and Best Practices, much less tribal rights; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critically important to educate all relevant parties to the NPA and Best Practices; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors commends the work of the USET Culture and Heritage Committee and the USET Negotiation Team in working with the Federal Communications Commission in the development of these ground-breaking documents that support Tribal rights and protect Tribal sacred sites; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors urges the telecommunications industry to incorporate into their conferences and otherwise establish and support seminars and workshops designed to educate industry and its consultants on the NPA and Best Practices, and to include tribal representatives in those activities; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President and Executive Director of USET to continue efforts to assure the protection of Tribal sacred sites and Tribal rights and the proper implementation of the NPA and the Best Practices document.

### 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.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*