



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2005:063

### **SUPPORT OF INVISTA ACTIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE BUCKEYE KNOLL SITE, VICTORIA, TX**

- 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 members Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Tribe and a USET member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Galveston District, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) excavated the remains and associated funerary objects of at least 79 American Indian individuals from property owned by INVISTA (formerly DUPONT Corporation) along the banks of Victoria Barge Canal and known as the Buckeye Knoll Site, Victoria, Texas (site number 41VT98); and
- WHEREAS,** the Galveston District, USACE conducted a bio-archaeological analysis on the human remains and the mortuary artifacts contrary to the expressed wishes of the interested USET member Tribes (USET Resolution No. 2002:077); and
- WHEREAS,** INVISTA has now assumed leadership responsibilities as caretakers of the human remains and all archaeological materials discovered and removed from the Buckeye Knoll Site (site 41VT98); and
- WHEREAS,** USET supports INVISTA's decision that the viewing or additional analysis of human remains or mortuary artifacts will no longer be permitted and all non-mortuary items, both originals and replications will be reunited with 41VT98; and
- WHEREAS,** INVISTA is now consulting with federally recognized Tribes on the reinterment of all human remains and archaeological materials that were excavated from site 41VT98; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports INVISTA on the issue of reinterment and in their role of assuming the ultimate responsibility of protecting and preserving the Buckeye Knoll site.

#### **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”*