Resolution No. USET 2005:064

PROTECTION OF THE STRANAHAN TRADING POST AND SEMINOLE CAMPSITE

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 Tribe's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole people suffered and survived the effects of nearly constant warfare during the first half of the nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and operation of Indian trading posts during the latter part of the nineteenth century played a significant role in the re-emergence and economic re-development of the Seminole people; and

WHEREAS, the Stranahan House is one of only two remaining historic trading posts left in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Stranahan House is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development of a condominium adjacent to the Stranahan House will adversely effect the historic integrity of the house and property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development will directly effect, or destroy, the historic Seminole campsite associated with the trading post; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Seminole Tribe of Florida has offered to help preserve the old Stranahan property, including the Seminole campsite; and

WHEREAS, there has been an acceptable alternative to this development that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale failed to support; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors supports the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Stranahan House, Inc., the Friends of the Park at Stranahan House, Inc., and the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation in their efforts to preserve the old Stranahan property, including the Seminole campsite.

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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