



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:009

SUPPORT OF INTER-TRIBAL COLLEGE INITIATIVE NEXT STEPS

- 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,** several years ago the USET Education Committee began discussions regarding the establishment of a USET Inter-Tribal College to be located east of the Mississippi River; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Education Committee has been taking steps to see this vision come to fruition through the establishment of a Tribal college sub-committee to specifically track progress of the initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** USET approved the acceptance of a sub-contract between USET and the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) to conduct a first phase feasibility study through a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which will be completed in November 2005; and
- WHEREAS,** USET understands that there is still a great deal of research and work to be done in this establishment process, which should continue to be done in a well orchestrated and thoughtful process; and
- WHEREAS,** the next phase of the process is to use the information compiled from the feasibility study and complete a more thorough needs assessment for the initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** USET believes that the completion of a comprehensive needs assessment as a supplement to the feasibility study will assist USET in having the appropriate data needed to pursue later steps in establishing an Inter-Tribal College; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors directs the USET Executive Director to pursue proper funding opportunities in order to complete a needs assessment and take the next step moving toward establishing an Inter-Tribal College east of the Mississippi River; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the efforts of the USET Education Sub-Committee on the Inter-Tribal College Initiative and the efforts of USET staff to continue the pursuit of this vision, and requests that they continue to provide progress reports to the USET Education Committee and the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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

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

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