



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2006:023

SUPPORT OF THE JENA BAND OF CHOCTAW RESERVATION PROCLAMATION REQUEST


- 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' leaderships; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw was accorded federal recognition through the Federal Acknowledgement Process in 1995; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw acquired trust land in 2003, eight years after receiving recognition; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw has requested that the Secretary of the Interior exercise her authority under Section 7 of the Indian Reorganization Act to proclaim the Jena Band of Choctaw's trust lands to be the Tribe's reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jena Band of Choctaw is significantly disadvantaged in regard to the rights and privileges afforded other federally recognized Tribes by the fact that the Jena Band of Choctaw's trust lands have not yet been proclaimed a reservation; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly and unequivocally supports the efforts of the Jena Band of Choctaw to have its trust lands proclaimed to be a reservation under Section 7 of the Indian Reorganization Act; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Secretary of the Interior to issue the requested reservation proclamation as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.



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



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