

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:029

SUPPORT FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE IROQUOIS NATIONS AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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 USET member Tribes—the Cayuga Nation, the Seneca Nation, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Oneida Indian Nation—are members of the Iroquois Confederacy and are situated within the boundaries of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General for the State of New York, over the past two years, has taken actions and made decisions that have harmed the reservation-based economies of the Iroquois Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, the actions and the decisions of the Office of the Attorney General were pursued without prior consultation with the affected Indian Nations or proper regard for the treaties that exist between those Nations and the United States Government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the USET Board of Directors calls upon the Attorney General for the State of New York to respect the sovereignty of the Iroquois Nations, to work with them on a government-to-government basis, and to engage immediately in a dialogue with the Iroquois Nations in order to address critical legal and economic issues of interest and concern.

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

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