SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL APPLICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR TRIBAL WATER PROGRAM COUNCIL

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, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is requesting applications for the establishment of a national Tribal Water Program Council (TWPC); and

WHEREAS, the TWPC will work to raise awareness of water related issues pertaining to the health of tribal communities and the quality of tribal aquatic resources and watersheds and encourage the enhancement, development and implementation of tribal water protection programs; and

WHEREAS, USET acknowledges and supports the goals and objectives of the TWPC program, and desires to have the unique water quality related issues of USET represented in a national forum; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) is a national tribal organization that represents over 180 tribes including several USET member Tribes in environmental protection matters; and

WHEREAS, NTEC is developing an application to administer the TWPC initiative; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the application of the National Tribal Environmental Council to the USEPA for the development of a Tribal Water Program Council.

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.

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