



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:045

SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL TRIBAL CAUCUS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

- 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,** in recognition of increased funding constraints given recent natural disasters and continuing war efforts, USET member Tribes feel that it is important that Tribes work together in a unanimous effort to protect federal funding levels and to pursue additional funding based upon unmet need; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (UEPA) National Tribal Caucus (NTC) is a forum where Tribal representatives from across the country come together to discuss and address Tribal environmental concerns, including budget needs and recommendations based on extensive outreach to Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the NTC has developed recommendations for the EPA Fiscal Year 07 budget as follows: \$29,200,000 for Cleaner Air and Global Climate Change; \$122,860,000 for Clean and Safer Water; \$80,614,250 for Land Preservation and Restoration; \$29,000,000 for Healthy Communities and Ecosystems; and \$75,400,000 for Compliance and Environmental Stewardship; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the efforts of the USEPA NTC to bring tribal environmental needs and concerns to the national forefront; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors calls upon Congress to strongly consider the budget recommendations of the National Tribal Caucus and the environmental needs of American Indians in the development of the Fiscal Year 07 budget.

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.