USET Resolution No. 2006:049

SUPPORT FOR UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES’ INTERACTION WITH U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL TRIBAL CAUCUS

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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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, USET member Tribes reside in EPA Regions 1, 2, 4 and 6 and actively participate in the activities of the NTC; and

WHEREAS, USET member Tribes have developed an Environmental Liaison Position within the USET organization to assist member Tribes in such areas as technical assistance, analysis of pending legislation and proposed regulation, and budget preparation; and

WHEREAS, although many environmental concerns and priorities of USET member Tribes mirror those of the NTC, interaction between the USET organization and the NTC is currently limited to the regional level; and

WHEREAS, increased interaction between the USET organization and the NTC would enhance representation of Tribes on the national level and would provide assistance and support to USET member representatives who currently serve in official capacity on the NTC; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports greater interaction between the USET organization and the EPA National Tribal Caucus by authorizing USET to provide administrative and analytical support to USET representatives on the National Tribal Caucus.

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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