



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:054

SUPPORT OF THE NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE'S EFFORTS TO AMEND THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSTITUTION

- 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,** a function of USET is to promote and protect the economic well being and autonomy of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, particularly those member Tribes of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** the Narragansett Indian Tribe is a member in good standing with USET; and
- WHEREAS,** the Narragansett Indian Tribe was involuntarily stripped of its rights under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) in 1996 by a prejudicial attack on its sovereign rights by an Act of Congress, commonly referred to as the "Chafee Rider"; and
- WHEREAS,** because of the Chafee Rider, since 1997 the Narragansett Indian Tribe has attempted to establish economic development through a casino effort via a State referendum ballot question; and
- WHEREAS,** after years of realizing prejudicial indifference from certain Rhode Island (RI) politicians who prevented the Narragansett Indian Tribe from placing a casino referendum question before the citizens of RI, the State General Assembly recently passed a resolution that, if approved by the citizens of RI, would amend the RI Constitution to allow the Narragansett Indian Tribe to establish a casino; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors congratulates the Narragansett Indian Tribe on its perseverance with its casino effort; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Narragansett Indian Tribe in its effort to gain voter approval to amend the State of Rhode Island Constitution to allow a Narragansett Indian Casino to be established; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors will instruct the USET Executive Director to provide the Narragansett Indian Tribe any information and work with the Tribe to identify human resources available to assist the Tribe in its effort to establish a casino.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, June 8, 2006.

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

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

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