



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:065

### ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS AND LABORATORY ANALYSTS BYLAWS

- 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 USET Board of Directors approved and adopted the USET Certification Board for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts (USET Certification Board) Bylaws and subsequent revisions in USET Resolution Nos. 2002:50, 2002:80, and 2004:74; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued National Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Final Guidelines (Guidelines) which establish certification program requirements that must be met in order for non-state providers in Indian country to receive EPA approval; and
- WHEREAS,** certain requirements are not addressed in the current USET Certification Board Bylaws; namely, provisions for grandparenting of experienced operators and classification of distribution systems, as well as minor administrative requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Certification Board has now revised said Bylaws to include the requirements of EPA Guidelines; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee has reviewed and approved the revised Bylaws; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors adopts the USET Certification Board for Water and Wastewater Treatment Operators and Laboratory Analysts Bylaws, as amended; and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors approves and supports the submission of said Bylaws to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for program approval.

### 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.

*“Because there is strength in Unity”*