

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:066

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

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 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 (U.S.) comprises approximately 5% of the world's population and emits more than 25% of the global greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal government refuses to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and adopt the described measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol includes:

- enhancement of energy efficiency
- protection and enhancement of sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases
- promotion of sustainable forest management practices
- promotion of sustainable forms of agriculture;
- promotion and development of renewable energy and carbon dioxide sequestration technologies; and

whereas, the USET member Tribes have over 500,000 acres in trust and fee lands in forested and agricultural lands (approximately the size of Rhode Island), providing significant and substantial greenhouse gas sinks and sequestration opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the USET member Tribes conduct environmentally conscientious practices in forestry and in the pursuit of renewable energy, and promote sustainable forms of agriculture, and

WHEREAS, at least 168 U.S. cities and at least two federally-recognized Tribes have committed to the Kyoto Protocol in a localized effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors supports the Kyoto Protocol and encourages individual USET member Tribes to consider the adoption and implementation of these protocols.

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

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