



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2007:024

APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL BUDGET
ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

- 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) formed a Tribally-driven National Tribal Budget Advisory Council (TBAC) comprised of two regional representatives and alternates from each of the twelve BIA regions, nominated by the Tribes of each respective region, to assist in the formulation of annual BIA budget development and strategy; and
- WHEREAS, in the past, the USET Board of Directors has appointed two representatives from the Eastern Region to serve on the TBAC: Randy Noka, First Councilman Narragansett Indian Tribe and Brenda Fields, of the Penobscot Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the USET Board of Directors recognizes the representatives dedication and commitment to the TBAC and their efforts in making the Eastern Region budget concerns known at the national level; and
- WHEREAS, USET needs to appoint representatives to the National Tribal Budget Advisory Council for the upcoming year to advocate and represent the official position of the Eastern Region Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the concept of a Tribally-driven budget formulation process; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors reaffirms Brenda Fields, of the Penobscot Nation, and appoints Tricia Mora of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana to serve as official representatives on the National Tribal Budget Advisory Council; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the nomination of the USET President; USET Executive Director and USET Bureau Information Officer, to serve as alternates should one of the official representatives be unable to attend a meeting of the National Tribal Budget Advisory Council; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that alternates be reimbursed through the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the same manner as official representatives are reimbursed when serving in that capacity.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Cheryl Downing, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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