



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No.2006:015

RECOGNITION OF THE ONEIDA INDIAN NATION AND THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF CONNECTICUT'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO RETURN TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION FUNDS FOR SPECIAL FUNDING NEEDS OF THE EASTERN REGION TRIBES AND UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (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 represents 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 recognizes that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and other federal funding sources have taken several large budget reductions to their base funding over the past years; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors understands that past and projected funding reductions to Indian Program dollars is causing added hardship on the USET member Tribes and their expansion of Tribal programs through self-determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Indian Nation and the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut are USET members in good standing, with active representation on the USET Board of Directors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Indian Nation and the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut have for the past several years decided to return their Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) funds to the BIA Eastern Regional Office, with a portion of the funds designated for a USET grant that offers technical assistance to all Eastern Region Tribes (the USET Bureau Information Office); and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Bureau Information Office provides increasingly needed services to the USET member Tribes that have proved beneficial in assisting Tribes in making essential policy decisions on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors believes that this has been beneficial to the USET member Tribes and the Eastern Region as a whole, and appreciates the long-term commitment of these Tribes to give back to the region for such special programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors re-affirms it's continuing appreciation to the Oneida Indian Nation and the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut to execute Tribal sovereignty in their decision to return TPA funds to the Eastern Region and supports and authorizes USET to receive a portion of the funds in order to continue on-going technical assistance programs for the benefit of all Eastern Region Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, October 12, 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”