



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2008:043

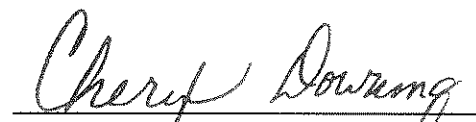
OPPOSITION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DECISION TO DENY CAYUGA NATION REQUEST

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 Cayuga Nation of New York is a member in good standing of USET; and
- WHEREAS,** by letter dated April 28, 2008 the USET President was informed of a dispute between the Cayuga Nation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the request of Cayuga Nation to withdraw from the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF) and to pursue EPA General Assistance Program (GAP) funding on a direct basis for the benefit of the Cayuga Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the EPA has refused to acknowledge and act in accordance with the authority of Mr. Clint Halftown, the Bureau of Indian Affairs recognized representative of the Cayuga Nation and has denied the Nation's request for direct GAP funding; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors opposes the decision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to refuse acknowledgement and to act upon resolutions of the Cayuga Nation Council as communicated by the Nation's representative Clint Halftown.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on Thursday, May 8, 2008.


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


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