



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2008:045

COMMENDATION OF TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT ENFORCEMENT


- 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 Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a federally chartered corporation which owns or controls over 500,000 acres in the Tennessee River Valley containing thousands of American Indian archaeological sites; and
- WHEREAS,** TVA has hired and funded two full-time Archaeological Resource Protection Act enforcement officers who are tasked with monitoring archaeological sites for signs of looting, gathering information on looting and aiding in their prosecution; and
- WHEREAS,** TVA has initiated several public awareness programs to educate people about the illegality of looting and or vandalizing archaeological sites and the loss of valued resources which result from such actions; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors commends the Tennessee Valley Authority for their efforts at Archaeological Resource Protection Act enforcement and the protection of valued Tribal historic properties under their jurisdiction.

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.