



USET Resolution No. 2008:028

**SUPPORT OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**

- 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 Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, has been an active member of the USET organization, since joining on November 28, 1972; and
- WHEREAS,** in pursuance of exercising it's sovereign rights and authority, the Chitimacha Tribe has, for approximately fourteen years, successfully operated a Class III gaming facility on its reservation lands in Charenton, Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** under applicable law, the Chitimacha Tribe and the State of Louisiana have previously negotiated two Tribal/State Compacts, each for a seven year term respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chitimacha Tribe has commenced the negotiation process to enable another seven year extended Compact term; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors, as a representative of various member Tribes, fully supports the Chitimacha Tribe in it's efforts to pursue it's rights inherent as a Sovereign Nation, and to maximize the Tribe's self-determination objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chitimacha Tribe's successful negotiation of a Tribal/State Compact extension for an additional seven year term will assist the Tribe in it's efforts to maximize self-determination objectives; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors publically endorses and supports the efforts of the Chitimacha Tribe to negotiate a Tribal/State Compact extension with the State of Louisiana; and be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors further respectfully urges the Governor and designated officials of the State of Louisiana to negotiate in a prompt, reasonable and good faith manner, to protect and promote the interest of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 14, 2008.

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

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

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