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 its 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 its efforts to pursue its 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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