



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2008:014

APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. MUTUAL AID COMPACT PROJECT

- 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 USET member Tribes are subject to numerous natural and man-made disasters, and
- WHEREAS,** individual Tribal Governments may have limited financial resources, equipment, and/or personnel for emergency and disaster response; and
- WHEREAS,** the immediate needs called for in responding to emergency and disaster situations may quickly overwhelm existing resources within the impacted Tribal community; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes have been actively and voluntarily responsive to one another during emergency disaster situations, providing supplies, personnel and other requested resources, and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribal Emergency Services and Tribal Justice Committees have requested a mechanism to formalize the voluntary response process and address such issues as liability, personnel credentialing and reimbursement, and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Homeland Security (DHA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have both provided USET with funding to develop mutual aid compacts amongst USET member Tribes, and
- WHEREAS,** USET has developed a FEMA Advisory Council, comprised of Tribally appointed representatives from the Tribal Emergency Services and Tribal Justice Committees to provide guidance and support throughout the project development; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors approves the development and implementation of the USET Mutual Aid Compact Project to formalize the process by which USET member Tribes respond and assist one another in emergency and disaster situations.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

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

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

"Because there is strength in Unity"