UNIFIED 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 Dowling, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"