



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2008:015

SUPPORT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN TELEVISION

- 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,** Native American Television, Inc. (NATV) is a national nonprofit (501c3) Native American news and training organization whose mission is to train Native American students to use multimedia technology to enhance communication among Tribal Nations while informing and educating fellow Americans about Native American issues, heritage, language and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the goals of NATV are to create a nationwide grassroots network of multimedia trained and politically savvy news reporters and media technicians who will provide news and information to and from both rural and urban Tribal communities throughout America; and to establish a permanent technology training center and institute in Washington, DC; and to establish the first nationwide, nonprofit Native American Television-Radio-Web-Pod cast broadcasting network that offers professional certification (and/or provide college course credit in cooperation with colleges and universities) to Native American students in areas of Digital Studio & Field Production and Web Development, and educational courses in Journalism, Governmental Awareness and Environmental Policy studies; and to control our own message and how it is presented in all areas of the news, public affairs, culture and entertainment; and to do so in a responsible, honorable, cutting-edge manner-through an effective, powerful, visual and technological medium;
- WHEREAS,** NATV has established working relationships and partnerships with the Columbia School of Broadcasting and Northwest Indian News, among others, to create jobs for Native American students via a nationwide news reporting infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** NATV has launched a \$12,000,000 fundraising campaign to support the formation of this multimedia network; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports this effort and recognizes the need to provide training to Native American students while providing reliable, educational, and responsible multimedia news coverage for Native American Tribes nationwide.

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"