



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2009:003

APPOINTMENT OF KELLER GEORGE AS UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC. PRESIDENT EMERITUS

- 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,** Keller George has compiled a distinguished record of service to Indian Country and USET for more than two decades; and
- WHEREAS,** Keller George served as a delegate and officer for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), serves on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), serves on the Advisory Committee for the Close-Up Foundation, served as a delegate and officer of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), served as the Chairman of the Oneida Nation Gaming Commission, and serves as the Wolf Clan Representative to the Oneida Nation's Men's Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Keller George served as USET President for six (6) consecutive terms, an unprecedented tenure of distinguished service; and
- WHEREAS,** Keller George advanced the interests of USET and its members by: (1) testifying on numerous occasions before Congress, (2) organizing frequent meetings with federal policymakers on Indian Country issues, (3) ensuring USET's active participation in legislative and regulatory issues of importance to USET members, (4) making countless improvements to the financial strength, organizational structure, and day-to-day operations of USET, and (5) traveling more than 300,000 miles per year on behalf of USET and Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** Keller George's tireless work and dedication during his twelve (12) years as President helped USET to achieve national influence and stature; and
- WHEREAS,** Keller George led USET with grace, honor and integrity, serving as a role model to many future generations of Indian leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** In light of such distinguished service and achievement, the USET Board of Directors seeks to recognize Keller George's extraordinary leadership and service in a manner that permits USET to continue its professional relationship with him; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of Keller George to the newly created position of President Emeritus, and expresses its deep appreciation to him for his distinguished service and his many contributions to the organization.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed by the USET Board of Directors on Thursday, October 16, 2008.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.