



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2009:011

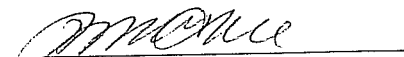
### PROTECTION OF CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

- 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,** Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark and a World Heritage Site; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to USET Resolution 2007:033, USET has designated Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site as a sacred site; and
- WHEREAS,** Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is an ancient American Indian/Alaska Native sacred site and ceremonial complex, occupied from 650-1400 CE located in Illinois across the Mississippi River from present day St. Louis; and
- WHEREAS,** the modern day Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site has at least 109 American Indian/Alaska Native mounds and represents the largest known American Indian/Alaska Native sacred site and ceremonial complex to the Mississippian culture; and
- WHEREAS,** protection of the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is of interest to all American Indian/Alaska Native peoples committed to an accurate understanding of the history and cultural richness of the American Indian/Alaska Natives of this land; and
- WHEREAS,** it is not known where the defined perimeter limits of habitation are for Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site; and
- WHEREAS,** there is proposed construction/development of a landfill that adversely impacts both physically and spiritually our American Indian/Alaska Native sacred site, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, and all of the surrounding sites that are present and those waiting to be acknowledged; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors demands, because of the absence of consultation with the USET Tribes concerning Army Corp of Engineers permitting for North Millan Landfill, the immediate suspension of all project activities; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes the USET President to appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate effects on the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site including, but not limited to, the proposed landfill; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors authorizes the USET President, in coordination with the ad hoc committee, to contact other Tribes associated with the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site to coordinate American Indian/Alaska Native efforts to protect the site and provide for its proper interpretation.

### CERTIFICATION

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

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

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