



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

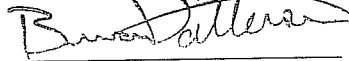
USET Resolution No. 2009:013

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE SURVEILLANCE

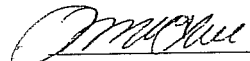
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to cultural resources on private and state lands, there are hundreds of thousands of cultural resources present on millions of acres of land owned and managed by federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** these federal agencies are responsible for site stewardship and protection of historic properties of significance to Tribes under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act; and
- WHEREAS,** it is widely recognized that federal agency funding shortfalls and personnel shortages render these resources vulnerable to looting, vandalism, and irreplaceable destruction; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been demonstrated that the use of remote surveillance technologies can serve in certain cases as a cost-efficient and effective tool to protect these irreplaceable cultural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribes commend the agencies for their progressive work in this protection of cultural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Tribes continue to stress the importance of meaningful government-to-government consultation with regard to site protection; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports this effort, and will explore ways to assist federal agencies in the implementation and funding of these new technologies; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors strongly encourages the continued and increased emphasis on the use of remote surveillance technology by federal agencies in that they:
- Improve partnerships through meaningful government-to-government consultation
 - Increase emphasis on cultural resources site protection through the use of remote surveillance technology and other new technologies
 - Recommend that Congress allocate new monies to dedicate towards funding, personnel, training and equipment to this endeavor.

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.