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USET Resolution No. 2009:050

PRESERVATION OF LONG SWAMP 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, recent archaeological data recovery has been completed at a portion of archaeological site 9CK1, the Long Swamp Site, in Cherokee County, Georgia at SR 372 and the Etowah River; and

WHEREAS, preliminary analysis of artifacts and features from the Long Swamp Site are highly significant in that they offer a redefinition of Mississippian cultural period in north Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the eastern half, or mound side, of site 9CK1 is privately owned and is up for sale by the current landowner; and

WHEREAS, this part of Georgia is in an area of accelerated growth that threatens the preservation of the mound portion of 9CK1 with encroaching destruction from escalating development; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation, through meaningful discussions with appropriate USET member Tribes, have been exploring creative measures to ensure the future protection of the Long Swamp Site, including, but not limited to, acquisition of said property through a preservation partnership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors commends and supports the efforts of the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Archeological Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, and other preservation partners for their efforts to partner resources in the acquisition and preservation of the Long Swamp Site.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

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

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

"Because there is strength in Unity"